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BERNAZZANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students will present "This Is America!" on Friday, May 24th in honor of Memorial Day. All local veterans are invited to attend and be recognized. Music will include "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Those Who Served" and all U.S. service branch songs. The Bernazzani Band and Grades 3, 4 and 5 will perform at 8:30 a.m. and Grades kindergarten, 1 and 2 will perform at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend, enjoy the music of America, honor those veterans among us and remember those we have lost. Showing their patriotism holding American flags are students (front row) from left to right: Claire Buchholz, Nora Lavey, Alexandra Glynn and Lizzie Demopoulos; and back row (left to right) El-lior Saraci, Olivia O'Connor, Emma Ovalle, Maible Cellucci and Domenic Bentzel.

Photo Courtesy Tracy O'Sullivan

Monument To Honor Veterans Of Persian Gulf, Subsequent Conflicts

Dedication At Mount Wollaston Cemetery In November

By SCOTT JACKSON

A new monument, honoring the men and women who have served in the military in recent decades, will be dedicated at Mount Wollaston Cemetery this November.

The city is in the midst of a \$3 million project at Mount Wollaston Cemetery, which will include the installation of a new archway at the Sea Street entrance to the burial ground, improvements to the veterans' section, such as new flag poles honoring each branch of the armed forces, and the new monument.

In a recent interview, Mayor Thomas Koch said the only items left to complete at Mount Wollaston Cemetery are installation of the new archway and the monument. Koch was hopeful the archway would be in place by Memorial Day.

"Mount Wollaston, the last major beautification

Beer Garden, Farmers Market Set For Kilroy Square

By SCOTT JACKSON

The Quincy Chamber of Commerce will open its beer garden in Quincy Center's Kilroy Square this week. The Chamber-run farmers market that also operates inside Kilroy Square is set to open next month.

The Board of License Commissioners on May 7 granted special-use permits and one-day liquor licenses to the Chamber for the beer garden, which will run from 4 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays between May 16 and June 29. The board also granted the Chamber special-use permits for the Kilroy Square Farmers Market, which will operate from noon to 5 p.m. on Fridays starting on June 21 and ending on Oct. 25.

The Chamber has partnered with Braintree-based

Councillors Begin Budget Review

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors commenced their review of the city's budget for fiscal year 2025 on Monday, approving departmental budgets totaling more than \$90.5 million.

Mayor Thomas Koch on May 6 unveiled his proposed \$424 million general fund budget for fiscal year 2025, which begins July 1.

The budget includes an increase of \$18.3 million or 4.5 percent over the \$405.69 million budget for fiscal year 2024.

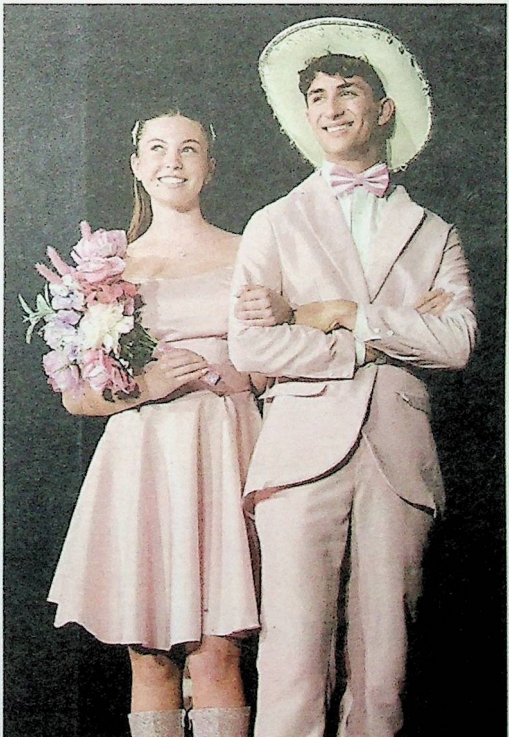
As they review the spending plan, councillors can make cuts to the budget but cannot make increases. They did not make any cuts on Monday.

New Mayor's Salary Request Lower Than Recommendation

By SCOTT JACKSON

In a recent interview, Mayor Thomas Koch said he had yet to determine what he will request for a new salary, but it will be less than the salary recommended by an outside consultant.

The outside firm, Dorminson Consulting, on April 22 presented a report recommending the mayor's salary be raised from \$150,943 to between \$289,957 and \$370,000.



RUNWAY MODELS - Quincy High School students Megan Caldwell (Barbie) and Josue Silva (Ken) wear Barbie-inspired fashions designed by classmate Blade at the 14th annual QHS Fashion Show May 9. More photos on Page 39 and in the May 23rd issue of The Quincy Sun.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth



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Volunteers Help Spruce Up City On Cleaner, Greener Quincy Day



SNUG HARBOR SCHOOL grade 5 student Queenie Huang cleans the playground during the 35th annual Cleaner, Greener Quincy Day May 4. She was among the hundreds of volunteers who fanned out throughout the city to spruce up school grounds, parks and other open spaces during the annual clean up.



SCOTT PERFETUO, principal of Snug Harbor School, spreads mulch near the school's front entrance during the city-wide Cleaner, Greener Quincy clean-up May 4. Other clean up photos on Page 8, 27 and Page 39. Quincy Sun photos/Tom Gorman

Third Annual Flying Of Quincy's Progress Pride Flag June 1

Quincy Pride Day Festival June 2

The third annual flying of Quincy's Progress Pride Flag is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 1st at 6 p.m. outside the United First Parish Church (Church of the Presidents), 1306 Hancock St. in Quincy Center.

Sponsored by United First Parish Church (Unitarian Universalist) as well as Quincy Pride, the City of

Quincy LGBTQ+ Commission, Quincy Interfaith Network, and PFLAG - Quincy Chapter, this annual event is the symbolic moment to kick off Pride month with the flag flying in Quincy Center for the entire month of June.

Multiple Quincy civic organizations including the City of Quincy's LGBTQ+ Commission, Quincy Pride

known as QPride, United First Parish Church (Church of the Presidents), and PFLAG - Quincy Chapter, come together on the first day of June to celebrate and acknowledge LGBTQ+ Pride as they advocate for self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people as a valued and integrated

part of our community.

Jim Petosa, chair of the City of Quincy LGBTQ+ Commission, will serve as host and welcome those gathered for the event.

"It's clear to us that visible support and welcoming recognition of members of our community is essential," Petosa said. "The flying of the Progress Pride flag on the historic facade of the Church that houses the crypts of two American presidents and their First

Ladies is an appropriate place to celebrate the hard-won human and civil rights of the LGBTQ+ community."

Richard Ash, chair of Quincy Pride, said "the theme of this year's Quincy Pride's Festival event (scheduled to be held on Sunday, June 2nd from Noon to 5 p.m. at the parking lot next to the Generals' Bridge in downtown Quincy) is 'I was Born this Way,' which celebrates the hope and opportunity for greater progress for our community."

Guest speakers include Jim and Patty Mortimer, parent leaders of the now one year old Quincy chapter of PFlag, the nationally acclaimed organization that provides support for the LGBTQ+ community by promoting alliance with parents, friends, and allies. Other speakers include LGBTQ+ Commissioner and City Councillor, Nina Liang; City Councillor as well as President of Quincy Pride, Richard Ash; Commissioner and Vice President of Quincy Pride, John McDonald; and Damion Outar, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Liaison for the City of Quincy. All are welcome to attend the outdoor ceremony with music provided by members of The Quincy Choral Society.

An invocation and blessing of the Progress Pride Flag will be led by Rev. Rebecca Froom and Shiloh Hoffman, ministers of United First Parish Church (Church of the Presidents). Quincy Interfaith Network and faith leaders from many religious backgrounds will lead a blessing of LGBTQ+ attendees as individuals as

well as those in relationship.

On Sunday, June 2, UFPC will lead an interfaith service celebrating LGBTQ+ identified people at 10:30 am. After that service, folks can gather in front of the Church, by the Progress Pride Flag to walk in community from the Hancock/Adams Common to the site of the Quincy Pride Festival, some blocks away.

In 2018, Daniel Quasar, an artist based in Portland, Oregon, designed the Progress Pride Flag. This flag incorporated the black and brown stripes of the Philadelphia Pride flag in addition to pink, white, and blue stripes in reference to the Trans Pride flag. The Progress Pride Flag has been celebrated by many in the LGBTQIA2-S community for its inclusivity.

Quasar's approach to representing multiple historically marginalized groups within LGBTQIA2-S communities is especially important given the role of transgender and gender diverse people of color in 1969's Stonewall Uprising, which we commemorate each year during Pride.

In 2021, Valentino Vecchiotti designed an intersex-inclusive Pride flag, which includes a purple circle over a yellow triangle as a reference to the Intersex pride flag that was created in 2013 by Morgan Carpenter. It is this most inclusive version of the Progress Pride Flag that graces the facade of the Church of the Presidents throughout the month of June.

For more information visit: www.quincypride.com or www.facebook.com/QuincyLGBTQCommission or www.ufpc.org.

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2025 Dedication Eyed For John Q. Adams Park

By SCOTT JACKSON

Mayor Thomas Koch is optimistic a new park honoring John Quincy Adams will be dedicated next year as part of the Quincy 400 celebration.

"We will be dedicating that park during 2025 as part of the Quincy 400 celebration," Koch said in a recent interview. "I don't want to get ahead of myself. We still have to purchase the property. We've had talks already through a realtor, but we haven't come to any final term or decision."

The Urban Revitalization and Development Plan for Quincy Center identifies the land at 1384 Hancock St., currently home to Acapulco's Restaurant, as a potential property to acquire to create the new park. A proposed \$157 million district-improvement financing (DIF) bond includes \$2.6 million for surface improvements for the park and

\$761,000 to demolish the building on site now. Both those items are pending before the City Council, and the restaurant remains open presently.

Asked about acquiring the property at 1384 Hancock St., Koch said the building is in tough shape.

"That building by all accounts is in very, very tough shape. It's not a quality building and it hasn't been maintained well over the years," he said. "So, the building definitely has challenges. Either somebody is going to spend a lot of money fixing it or, in the case of what we're looking at it for, it would be another pocket park and that would be the location we would place the John Quincy Adams monument."

The Hancock-Adams Common, which is located between City Hall and the United First Parish Church,

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Fire Prevention Monthly Grill Safety Tips From QFD

By LT. CODY DANIELS
Quincy Fire Prevention

With the weather warming up and Memorial Day approaching, The Quincy Fire Department would like to share some grill safety tips.

All grills should be used outdoors, kept at least 10 feet from any house or garage.

The Quincy Fire Department does not allow the use of natural gas, propane gas, charcoal, electric or other fuel sources, hibachis, grills, etc. on porches, balconies, or roofs. The use of grills, hibachis, etc. is allowed if used only for cooking purposes and must be kept outdoors at ground level away from any combustibles. Before using the grill ensure it is clean and there is no grease left in the grease catch pan or on the grill.

When using a propane grill, check the tank and all hoses for proper connections. Using soapy water in a spray bottle, lightly mist over the hose and connections with the tank turned on to verify there are no leaks.

If bubbles are found shut the tank off and have it repaired by a professional. If the leak will not stop, call 911.

If the flame goes out while cooking, turn the grill and gas off and wait 5 minutes before re-lighting. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call 911.

Ensure the cover is off and the grill lid is open before turning the gas valves on to ignite. Never leave any grill unattended.

When using a charcoal grill, charcoal chimney starters utilizing newspaper or charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable fluids once the fire has started. Always keep charcoal starter fluid out of the reach of children. When you finish using a charcoal grill, allow the charcoal to fully cool down before disposing of it in a metal container.



SAPORI CUCINA & BAR recently held a grand opening celebrating its new authentic Italian restaurant at 17 Chestnut St., Quincy Center. Here Saporì owners/operators join Mayor Tom Koch and Ward 2 Councillor Richard Ash at a ribbon cutting. From left to right: Chris Rucker (public relations), Kleber De Oliveira (owner), Fernanda De Oliverira, Denise Santini (owner), Giancarlo Maldini (owner), Mayor Koch, Richard Ash, and Jonathon Baldini (staff). Courtesy Photo

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On May 27, 1831, trapper-explorer Jedediah Smith, who established the South Pass across the Rocky Mountains in modern western Wyoming as a well-known and heavily traveled route for fur trappers, was riding alone when he was attacked and killed by a hunting party of Comanche Native Americans on the Santa Fe Trail.

• On May 28, 1983, Irene Cara's song "Flashdance (What a Feeling)," from the "Flashdance" movie soundtrack, reached the top of the U.S. pop charts and helped push the film to the No. 3 spot on that year's total box-office revenue list. It also proved to be the biggest hit of Cara's career.

• On May 29, 2014, LGBT advocate and Emmy-winning actor Laverne Cox of the Netflix original series "Orange Is the New Black" became the first transgender person to appear on the cover of TIME magazine.

• On May 30, 1899, amateur bandit Pearl Hart and her drifter boyfriend, Joe Boot, held up an Arizona stagecoach, making away with over \$400 in cash. Although discovered and sentenced to prison, neither served their full term, and Hart was pardoned by the governor in 1902, living out the rest of her life in relative obscurity.

• On May 31, 1970, an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale off the coast of Casma, Peru, in the Pacific Ocean caused an avalanche traveling at over 100 miles per hour that buried the towns of Yungay and Ranrahirca, killing an estimated 50,000 people and making it the worst natural disaster ever recorded in the country's history.

• On June 1, 1958, following a long political crisis over the Algerian War, former French president Charles de Gaulle was called out of retirement to head a new emergency government as prime minister for a six-month term in an effort to keep the country together.

• On June 2, 1920, Eugene O'Neill won his first of four Pulitzer Prizes, for his play "Beyond the Horizon," which was also his first full-length work to be staged. Though he was initially not happy over the news, his attitude improved upon learning the award came with a \$1,000 prize and did not involve a ceremony.

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Planning your garden size

Estimate your growing space and access to sunlight, and your time, energy and resources. If you have little time to spare and little space to garden, try one large pot set beside a sunny window as a container garden for plants. If you have outdoor space but don't want a large garden, choose a sunny area with enough space for one or more raised garden beds of plants. A large in-ground garden of plants can work if you have the space, the resources to prepare and maintain it and sunlight several hours a day.

- Brenda Weaver

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2025 Dedication Eyed For John Quincy Adams Park

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is currently home to statues of John Quincy Adams' parents — John and Abigail Adams — as well John Hancock. The mayor said it makes sense to have the John Quincy Adams statue in a different location than the other three, because he represents a different period in history.

"From an artistic viewpoint and a landscape architect-viewpoint, you want these statues to have their own space. You don't want statues on top of each other," Koch said.

"Obviously, Abigail, John and John Hancock lived at a very similar time that kind of covers a certain period. JQ goes further generationally than them. So, we thought certainly with his role in our history he deserves his own space. And it would open up that corner nicely, create a nice little pocket park there as we continue to grow the downtown."

The city previously acquired the properties at 1455 and 1465 Hancock St., and those buildings are slated for demolition to make way for a new pocket park. Koch said that park would not be an appropriate place for the new statue because it will be bookended by two new buildings that will feature first-floor restaurants.

"We bought two buildings there that is going to be a pocket park, but it's a different piece down there. You're going to have two restaurants down there on either side of it dumping into that park. It just doesn't make sense that that would be considered there," Koch said. "Keep in mind I'm a former park guy, so I love this world."

The mayor said the statue of John Quincy Adams would be the centerpiece of the new park, and it will also feature reliefs that tell his life story.

"The statue of him would be the centerpiece and there is going to be some other reliefs. There are four other

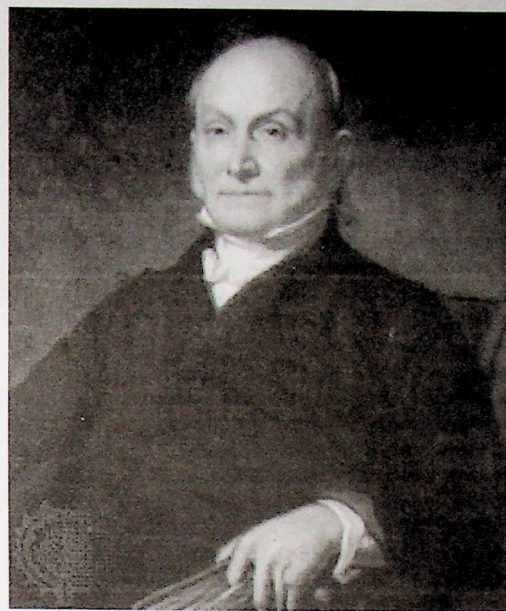
reliefs that will kind of tell his story. We broke his life into four places: his diplomatic years, secretary of state, president, and then Congress," Koch said. "There are four different aspects of his public life that we're highlighting."

Koch said the city would use DIF funding to pay for the acquisition of the building. Other funding sources may be used to create the new park.

"The purchase would come out of the DIF. As far as the construction of the park, it could be the DIF. We could get additional grants. It could be hotel tax money. It could be community preservation money," he said. "There are a lot of sources that would be available for that part of it."

Koch added that he has long heard from people who have asked when the city would look to honor the sixth president.

"I know over the years I've heard a lot of people 'what about John Quincy Adams, what about John Quincy Adams,' and we always had it in our minds we would be dealing with it at some point. Well, here we are. We can't do everything at once — we can't afford to do everything at once — we chip away at these things," Koch said.



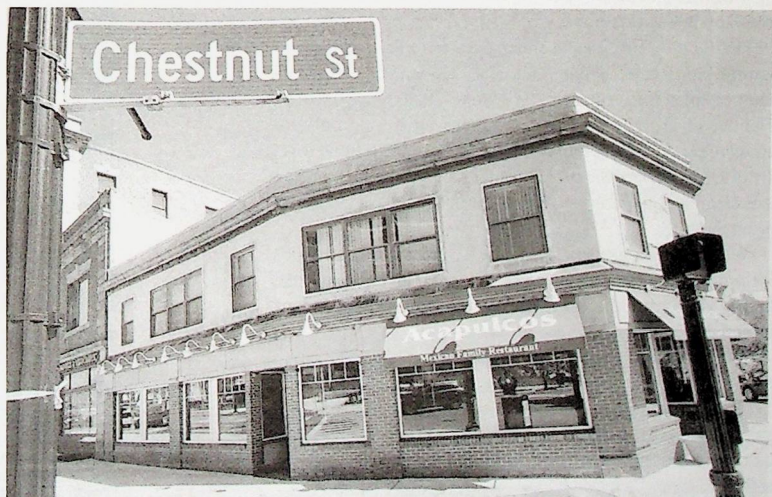
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS served as the sixth President of the United States. The son of second President John Adams and First Lady Abigail Adams, he was also a U.S. Congressman and Secretary of State.

"Obviously [he was] the sixth president and arguably the most revered secretary of state in our history — the Monroe doctrine, he wrote. His years in Congress, he was speaking about the slavery issue long before Abraham Lincoln uttered the words. He's quite accomplished and by all accounts, by every historian, he's got the highest IQ of any president we've ever had — certainly way ahead of the two we're dealing with today. It just seems now is the right

time to be honoring him.

"There was a book I read about him and it talked about his death and the funeral and one of his political foes...said that John Quincy Adams did not belong to a political party. He belonged to the American people.

"I think that speaks well of both Adamses and that's why neither one of them were elected for a second term; they stood for principle and didn't play the party game. It's something we could learn today from."



THE BUILDING AT 1384 Hancock St. at the corner of Chestnut Street in Quincy Center, currently home to Acapulco's Restaurant, is among the parcels the city has targeted for acquisition. The building would be demolished and a park honoring John Quincy Adams is planned for the site. The restaurant remains open at this time.

Quincy Sun File Photo/Robert Bosworth

Flutie Foundation To Host Stars Of The Spectrum Music Festival Aug. 3 At Veterans' Memorial Stadium

The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism will again

NQHS Class Of 1969 To Hold 55th Reunion June 14

North Quincy High School Class of 1969 will hold its 55th reunion on Friday, June 14 from 7-11 p.m. at The View Restaurant at Presidents Golf Course (formerly Wollaston Golf Club), 57 West Squantum St., Quincy.

Pizza and appetizers will be served and DJ will provide entertainment. There will be a cash bar.

Tickets are \$40 per person.

For more information, email NQHS1969@gmail.com.

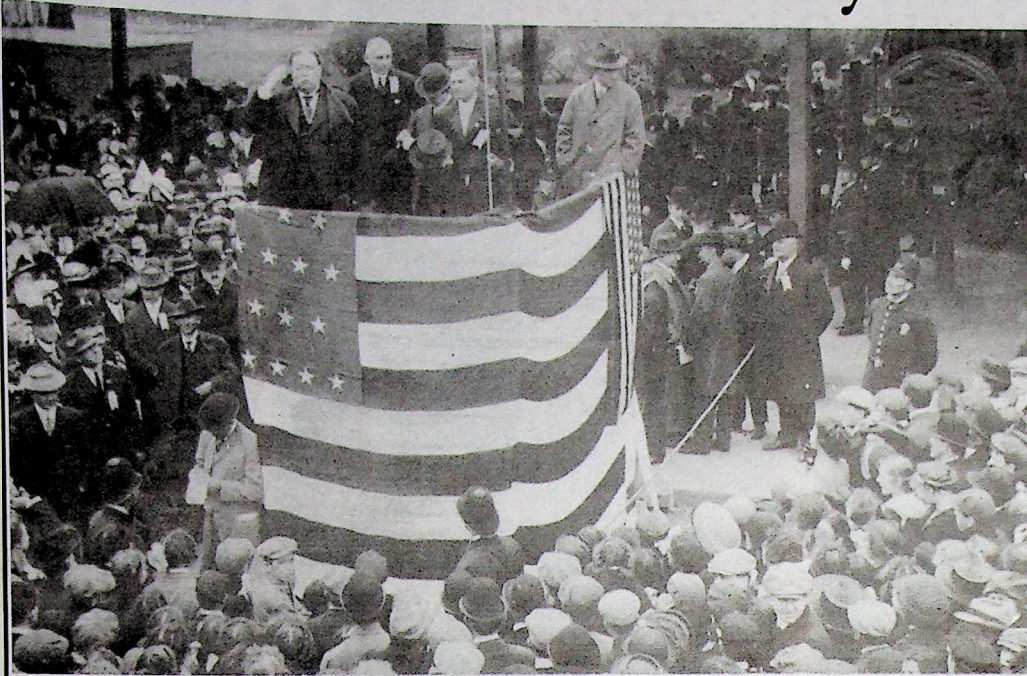
host the nation's largest music festival by autistic artists, for the autism community on Saturday, Aug. 3 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium in Quincy.

This year, the foundation is introducing free tickets to the people and families affected by autism.

The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism STARS of the Spectrum is a sensory-inclusive music festival that celebrates and elevates the voices and stories of people with autism, offering everyone the opportunity to enjoy star-studded performances by top artists as well as leading artists from the autism community and mission-centric artisans.

Free tickets are limited and available now at <https://flutiefoundation.org/starsofthespectrum/>. Full concert lineup will be announced soon.

Scenes From Yesterday



THIS 1912 real photo postcard is a view of President William Howard Taft making a whistle-stop re-election campaign speech at the Quincy Center railroad station. Taft, who was a Republican, is the large man waving on the left of the platform. Quincy's Republican Mayor Eugene R. Stone is to the right of Taft with the banner on his lapel. He introduced Taft and his Vice President James Sherman whom is probably the man holding the top hat. What looks like a Secret Service agent in a trench coat is looking over the crowd on the right of the

platform. Taft lost the three-way race for president to Woodrow Wilson who got only 42 percent of the popular vote, but the majority of the electoral votes nation-wide. Sherman never knew that they lost because he died two days before the election after a period of failing health. He was diagnosed with Bright's disease in 1904. Allan Pierce, a Quincy photographer, published this and a number of other postcards of this event.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1970
54 Years Ago

'Survival, Inc.'

To Help Young People

"Survival, Inc.," a unique professional program to help Quincy's young people with drug problems, was expected to be underway within a month.

The three-pronged program planned and to be carried out by doctors, police, school and mental health officials concerned with the drugs situation in the city included:

A walk-in center where young people may receive professional help; a telephone "hot line" to provide information to those with drug problems; and a residential home where addicts can live with receiving treatment.

Dr. Charles Djerf, Quincy pediatrician and former member of the Quincy School Committee, donated the use of his old office at 44 Faxon Ave., Quincy Center, as the "Survival, Inc." center.

Dr. Carol Lee Griffin, director of pupil personnel services for Quincy Public Schools, credited Dr. Djerf as being "the motivating force behind the whole thing."

In addition to Dr. Djerf and Dr. Griffin, those working actively to promote the program were:

Dr. William Ridder and Dr. Russell of the medical community, Chief Francis X. Finn and Lt. Frank Vallier of the Quincy Police Department; Dr. Stanley Sagon of the South Shore Mental Health Center; Atty. Edward Joyce, School Supt. Lawrence P. Creedon and Charles L. Munson of the Quincy School headquarters guidance staff.

TEACHERS GET NEW SALARY: \$7,125 - \$14,108

The Quincy School Committee approved a new \$7,125 minimum and \$14,108 maximum salary for the city's approximately 900 public school teachers.

The minimum had been \$6,600 and the maximum, \$13,068.

The new schedule — an index system based on experience and educational levels — represented an approximate 7.8 percent increase. Under the new system, teachers with bachelor's degrees will start at \$7,125. Those with master's degrees and 10 years teaching experience will earn \$14,108.

It's estimated the increases would mean about \$1.50 on the 1970 tax rate.

The new schedule climaxed nearly six months of negotiations between the Quincy Education Association and the School Committee. The new figures were reached with the aid of William Fallon, former chairman of the State Board of Mediation and Conciliation, serving as fact-finder.

Other school personnel including clerks, carpenters, school nurses and maintenance men also received increases.

QUINCYISMS

Mrs. Susan Capone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Capone of Wesson Avenue, West Quincy, was selected by Morrisette Legion Auxiliary as its representative to the 26th annual Massachusetts Girls State in June at Bridgewater State College. . . Dr. Edmund B. FitzGerald of Wollaston was among 48 Massachusetts physicians honored by the Massachusetts Medical Society. Dr. FitzGerald, a retired pediatrician and Harvard Medical School graduate, is one of the founders of the Quincy Child Guidance Clinic and served as Quincy Health commissioner for over six years. . . Paul Curry and Richard Curry, brothers of West Quincy war hero Sgt. Robert A. Curry, received a citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts presented by Rep. Joseph E. Brett during ceremonies dedicating the Little League Field near the MDC rink in West Quincy. . . Robert W. Garner, a 30-year-old media specialist at Snug Harbor School, was elected president of the 900-member Quincy Education Association. He succeeded Robert P. Basiliere. . . A quart of Colonel Quincy Blended Whiskey 86 was advertised for \$4.69 at Brett Package Store, 205 West Squantum St. . . House Speaker David M. Bartley appointed Rep. Walter J. Hannon and Rep. Clifford H. Marshall of Quincy to serve on a Special Commission to make an investigation and study concerning the number of runaways from the Shirley Industrial School. . . At Furnace Brook Golf Club, winners of the Ladies Weekly Tuesday Tournament were Mrs. Michael Fallon and Mrs. Adolph Aimola, blind partners, low gross. . . Joe Sullivan's Lincoln-Mercury dealership at Neponset Circle congratulated the Boston Bruins on winning the Stanley Cup by offering car specials including a 1967 Mustang for \$1,795, a 1968 Dodge Coronet "500" for \$1,995 and a 1969 Cougar Convertible for \$2,495. . . William J. Griffin of Hancock Bank was installed as president of the Quincy Jaycees at a banquet held at Walsh's Restaurant, North Quincy. . . Regina Pestelli pitched a perfect game as Quincy High's softball team defeated Wakefield, 20-0. The team was coached by sport legend Mary Pratt.

The U.S.S. Bunker Hill At Okinawa:

A Pilot's Remembrance Program May 22

Quincy Historical Society Hosts Bob Begin At Adams Academy

On Wednesday, May 22nd, at 7 p.m., at the Adams Academy, in honor of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, perennial favorite, Bob Begin will return to Quincy Historical Society to share a newly researched talk on the U.S.S. Bunker Hill and the aircraft carrier's service during the Battle of Okinawa.

Begin will also share the story of one American pilot who documented the battle from the decks of the Bunker Hill in his art and letters.

In May of 1945, Allied forces were surrounding Okinawa, the last step on the long road to Tokyo. On board the Quincy-built aircraft carrier Bunker Hill (CA-17) was a pilot, Lt. (j.g.) Alexander Domonkos, a relative of Mr. Begin. The Battle of Okinawa is remembered for the ferociousness of the fighting, nicknamed the "typhoon of steel" because of the heightened use of kamikaze attacks. The U.S.S. Bunker Hill was struck by two such attacks, killing and wounding over 600 American servicemen. At least three Quincy men

were among the dead and wounded.

Begin's talk will recount the story of the battle, the constant pressure of air attack, the mindset of the kamikaze pilots, and the countless acts of courage and sacrifice. Lt. Domonkos' paintings and family letters will also be featured, highlighting the impact of the war back home, and the memory of the events Lt. Domonkos was witness to.

This event is open to all and free to attend.

The Adams Academy is located at 8 Adams St., Quincy.

Julia Ormond Inducted Into Honor Society At Dean College

Julia Ormond of Quincy Honor Society at Dean College in Franklin for academic achievement. Phi Eta Sigma National

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Questions Need For Another 'Pocket Park'

Why do we need another "Pocket Park" on Hancock Street? Although I applaud the creation of a park to honor John Quincy Adams and Louisa Catherine Adams (let's not forget the ladies), I wonder about the location.

Why take another piece of land that is paying business taxes when there is already a park across the street in front of the Stop & Shop building? Without accounting for the cost of buying the land, the demolition and surface improvements are estimated to cost over 3 million dollars.

The city has plans for small parks down the street at 1455

Hancock. These are also on the President's Trail. Why not use these and keep the land at 1384 Hancock as a commercial space?

With the gentrification of downtown, we are forgetting that ordinary people live here. Acapulco's is one of very few mid-priced restaurants left. The other restaurants are amazing in many ways, but out of the budget for many families. Everyone should be able to enjoy the middle of the city.

Mary Jo Baryza
Quincy

Peaceful Protests

It's heartbreaking and unjust to read and see peaceful protests broken up by police, even though they were PEACEFUL. I can understand police action for violent ones, but peaceful ones?

Sure, peaceful protests hopefully won't last forever, but in the meantime, dialogue could be in place between protesters and administrators to settle differences peacefully and cooperatively.

The United States was formed mainly and essentially thru protests, peaceful or otherwise (Boston Tea Party, Vietnam War, Black Lives Matter, Women's Rights, Abortion, etc.)

If we can't protest, peaceful or not, how can this country call itself democratic and "for the people, by the people?"

Gene Lee
Quincy

Quincy Native Returns To Share Tales From His Book 'Growing Up QuinZEE'

Patrick Grimes has lived in Colorado for 45 years, but his growing up years in South Quincy during the 1960s and 1970s are still as vivid in his memory as yesterday.

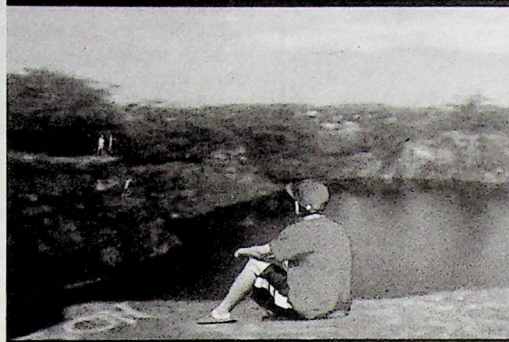
Several years ago Grimes started sharing stories of those days in a Facebook group for people from Quincy. His posts got a lot of comments from other Quincy natives who marveled at his storytelling ability and urged him to collect and publish them in book form.

And now Grimes has done just that, with the release of "Growing Up 'QuinZEE': A Treasure Trove of Memories." The book is selling well on Amazon among his many fans and getting positive reviews from readers, and he's planning a trip back to Quincy to host a talk, book signing and reading from the book.

Events scheduled in

Growing Up 'QuinZEE'

A Treasure Trove of Memories



Patrick Grimes

Quincy are:

• June 4, Rotary Club

Meeting talk, Common Market Restaurants, 97 Wil-

lard St., guest \$25 (lunch included) advance notice required to Rotary.

• June 4, Author talk, Thomas Crane Public Library, 7-8 p.m.

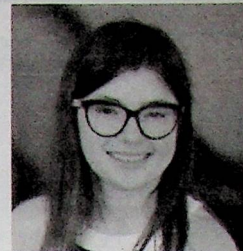
• June 6, Book Signing, Sons of Italy, 129 Quarry St., 3-6 p.m. Small donation requested but not mandatory.

The author takes the reader through facets of his young life growing up in the unique city of Quincy, Massachusetts in the 1960s and 1970s. A series of autobiographical short stories and vignettes are shared with a mixture of humor, tragedy, and epiphanies along with a philosophical twist, allowing the reader to feel part of the vibe of an evolving young life lived in this historic blue-collar city.

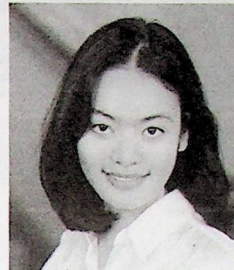
The 518-page paperback book was published March 6. It sells for \$34.99 and is available on Amazon.



STEVEN CHEN



NATALYA DESMOND



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Four Quincy Residents Awarded Scholarships From MA Society Of CPAs

The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MassCPAs) announces four Quincy residents were recently awarded scholarships by the MassCPAs Educational Foundation's 2024 Scholarship Program.

The recipients from Quincy are: Steven Chen, Natalya Desmond, Naomi Vo and Hiu Lam Tse. They were among the 51 students honored for their awards at MassCPAs annual, member-wide networking event, Connect 2024, on May 8.

The four Quincy residents received the following scholarships:

Steven Chen, North Quincy High School, Emerging Scholar Award.

Natalya Desmond, Bentley University, KPMG Firm Named Scholarship.

Naomi Vo, Bentley University, CBIZ Firm Named Scholarship.

Hiu Lam Tse, UMass Amherst, MassCPAs Alliance - Silver Scholarship.

"The dedication and talent of these scholarship recipients is truly inspiring," said Zach Donah, CAE, president and CEO of MassCPAs. "Their commitment to the accounting profession fills us with confidence about the future of the industry in Massachusetts. We're honored to support their academic journeys and play a role in their success. We extend our sincere gratitude to this year's donors and volunteers for helping students achieve their dreams through our scholarship program."

Scholarships are funded 100% through donations to the MassCPAs Educational Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to inspire and support the next generation of CPAs in Massachusetts, and since the program's inception in 2006, the Foundation has awarded over 350 scholarships to aspiring CPAs, ranging from \$2,500 - \$10,000 and totaling more than \$1,650,000. MassCPAs scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate accounting students who are attending a college or university in Massachusetts or attending a college or university out-of-state with a permanent residence in Massachusetts. Scholarship funds are issued directly to the students and can be used for tuition, books, interviewing expenses or other needs. For more information about the Educational Foundation, click here.

"MassCPAs is committed to fostering a diverse and talented accounting workforce," said Allie Orlando, director of academic and career development at MassCPAs. "These scholarships address financial barriers and create opportunities for deserving students. We are deeply grateful to our individual and firm donors who share our vision. Together, we are building a stronger future for the accounting profession in Massachusetts."

Dorothy Quincy Homestead Announces Tours

The Dorothy Quincy Homestead, located at 34 Butler Road, Quincy, will open again for tours this summer. Tours are offered on the hour and half hour from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last tour starts at 1:30 p.m.

The Homestead is only open on the dates below, but the beautiful gardens on the grounds are open for no charge daily.

Cost of the tour of the Homestead is \$10 per person.

Below is the schedule with special events:

Saturday, June 1: Presentation on colonial printing in Paul Revere times.

Saturday, June 15: Regular tours of the Homestead

Saturday June 29: Quincy Homestead Independence Celebration with Quincy Mayor Koch reading the Declaration of Independence at 10:30 a.m. Children are invited to march with a Colonial Drummer and Fifer. Free ice cream will be served.

Saturday, July 13: Witness colonial chocolate making with Pewter Pot Fine Spiced Chocolates.

Saturday, July 27: Regular tours of the Homestead.

Saturday, Aug. 10: How to make Corn Husk Dolls, presented by the Plimoth Patuxet Museum.

Saturday, Aug. 24: The Art of Spinning, technique demonstrations of 18th century garb.

The programs above are co-sponsored by Massachusetts Cultural Council, Quincy Art Council and The National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Quincy Homestead is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to get involved, call NSCDA-MA at 617-742-3190.

Follow us on Facebook at Quincy Homestead 1680 and on Discovery Quincy, for updated events.

The Homestead served as a home for five generations of Quincys, one of the leading families of Massachusetts. Their progeny include Josiah Quincy, Samuel Quincy, President John Quincy Adams, and Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes. During the pre-Revolutionary period, this estate house was likely visited by influential American patriots such as Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and John Hancock. The house was also the childhood home of Dorothy Quincy Hancock, the first First Lady of Massachusetts, the wife of John Hancock, the President of the Second Continental Congress, the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the first governor of the Commonwealth.

The Dorothy Quincy Homestead represents four architectural periods. In 1680 the original two-story house was built and the kitchen portion remains to this day. In 1706 extensive additions were made under the occupancy of Edmund Quincy III, from 1708 to 1738, the general current form of the house emerged. Finally in the mid-18th century, bay windows and a few additional rooms were added. It is one of the few houses in Massachusetts in which the elements of a 17th-century building are still clearly visible,



THE DOROTHY QUINCY HOMESTEAD, located at 34 Butler Road, Quincy, will open again for tours this summer. The first tour date is Saturday, June 1 and features a presentation on colonial printing in Paul Revere times. *Courtesy Photo*

although they have been surrounded by a later style. The house is an excellent illustration of how architectural styles developed during the colonial period.

A myriad of national themes may be explored at the Dorothy Quincy Homestead. These include the study of the lives of the settlers in the Massachusetts Colony, the endeavors of the Patriots, the Quincy family, John Hancock, women's issues, portraiture, and landscape design.

The Homestead's furnishings provide an intriguing historical record of daily life in a house dating back three centuries. Worthy of attention are three bedsteads dressed with documented treatments and fabric, one of which is a field bedstead with arched tester.

The parlor features wallpaper which was created in Paris around 1790. The design belongs to the Pompeian revival style which exploited the delicate and expressive possibilities of painted wall decoration.

Also available for viewing during tours is a restored chariot owned by John Hancock. Built in England in 1777 and captured by Americans at sea, the chariot was later presented to Hancock, who used it as his vehicle. In the 19th century, the wheels were removed from the chariot, and it was converted into a horse-drawn sleigh.

The heritage garden is accessible to the public sunrise to sunset each day of the year. The garden features a colonial parterre design as well as a herb kitchen garden. When touring the property, all dogs must be on leash.

In 1904 The National Society of The Colonial Dames in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts purchased the Dorothy Quincy Homestead, and then entered into a long-term cooperative relationship with the Commonwealth whereby the Department of Conservation and Recreation would own the property and would be responsible for maintaining the exterior of the house and grounds. The Dames agreed to furnish and maintain the interior of the house and to interpret its important history for visitors. This relationship continues today.

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Movie Review: 'The Fall Guy'

By BOB GARVER

There has been a push in recent years for the Oscars to add an award for stunt work. I'm all for it, sure, give some often-unrecognized professionals their moment in the sun. My guess is it's going to happen eventually, given the passion of the advocates and no apparent strong argument against it.

Director David Leitch is no doubt a proponent of the movement, seeing as he's a former stunt performer himself and his film "The Fall Guy" is basically a two-hour plea to give stunt performers their due. Which isn't to say it isn't a highly entertaining plea. It's just about the most fun you can possibly have watching a plea.

Ryan Gosling stars as stunt performer Colt Seavers. At the start of the film, Colt spends his days building a relationship with aspiring director Jody Moreno (Emily Blunt) when he's not doubling for megastar Tom Ryder (Aaron Taylor-Johnson).

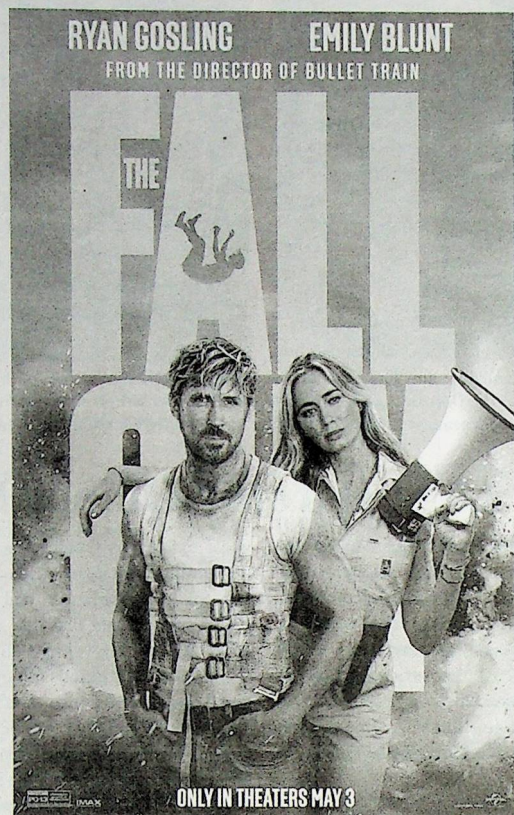
A stunt goes wrong and Colt's back is broken, which also damages his relationship with Jody. Eighteen months later, Colt's back is healing, but things between he and Jody may be permanently severed.

But then he gets a call from Gail (Hannah Waddingham), Tom's go-to producer. Tom is filming a movie in Australia, and everyone wants Colt for stunt work. And "everyone" means Tom, Gail, and the movie's director: Jody. He reluctantly makes the trip only to learn that Jody emphatically does not want him and Gail has ulterior motives.

Tom has gone missing and Gail needs an able-bodied nobody to help track him down. Colt agrees to investigate, only because this movie is Jody's chance to prove herself as a director and it can't be completed without Tom.

Colt is soon spending his days filling in for Tom on set, helping Jody with her film in the only way he knows how, by doing dangerous stunts. It takes some time for her anger to subside, but he's soon back in her good graces and there's even a hint of the two rekindling their relationship.

But then there's his night job of tracking down Tom. It's even more dangerous, with drug dealers, gun-toting henchmen, a sword-wielding girlfriend (Teresa Palmer), and a dead body on ice. The adventure requires Colt to use all his expertise



as a stuntman, which means Leitch and the movie's stunt team get to show off all their expertise.

Indeed all the stunt work is impressive, though I feel like the film is cheating a bit by actively trying to get me to pay attention to it. And it's distractingly smooth at times, like Colt is way too competent for a person in this position. It's been established that he can handle stunts in a controlled environment, but can he really handle action this well in the moment when he's unprepared?

The trailer hints at the disparity between movies and "real life" in a moment when Colt decides he can't safely make a jump from a rooftop, but there are hardly any other scenes like that in the movie. Also, it's really unwise to have Gosling do scenes where he flies through glass unharmed when certain viewers will remember a scene from 2016's "The Nice Guys" where his character thinks he can handle broken glass easily and faces consequences when he's wrong.

Still, "The Fall Guy" delivers on what audiences came to see: creative, stunt-filled action and a delightfully witty romance. Couples that see this movie together are going to wish they had the chemistry of Gosling and Blunt, even when they're arguing. Movie buffs will be equally enchanted by the love this movie has for the industry, especially stunts.

Fans of well-conceived mysteries may sadly feel left

out on this one. But overall, I can say that I "fell" for "The Fall Guy." That line makes me want to bang my head against a wall. I wish I had a stunt double for that.

Grade: B-

"The Fall Guy" is rated PG-13 (Hooray! The first non-R-rated movie I've seen since March!) for action and violence, drug content and some strong language. Its running time is 126 minutes.

Irish Cultural Centre Of Greater Boston Partnership With Cara Group Travel For Wild Atlantic Way Tour

The Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston announces its collaboration with Cara Group Travel to present the Wild Atlantic Way Tour, a journey through the heart of Ireland's cultural and historical treasures.

Scheduled from Oct. 3rd to Oct. 11th, this inaugural group tour promises an immersive experience into Ireland's rich heritage, landscapes, and traditions, making it the perfect choice for first-time travelers to Ireland and those seeking to revisit its wonders. The tour itinerary will offer participants an authentic Irish experience, featuring visits to iconic landmarks such as Galway, Killarney, Cork, and Ennis.

"At the Irish Cultural Centre, we are committed to fostering a deep appreciation for Irish culture and heritage," said Jerry McDermott, executive director of the Irish Cultural Centre. "The Wild Atlantic Way Tour provides a unique opportunity for our members and friends to connect with the essence of Ireland and enhance our mission of promoting and preserving Irish identity in the greater Boston area."

"Our partnership with Cara Group Travel allows us to offer an unforgettable exploration of Ireland's stunning landscapes and vibrant culture," said Martina Curtin, president of the Irish Cultural Centre Board. Through this tour, we aim to create lasting memories and strengthen the bonds between our community and the land of our ancestors."

The Wild Atlantic Way Tour presents two package options. Pricing for the air and land package starts at \$3,300 per person for double/twin room sharing and \$3,990 per person for single room occupancy, and includes round-trip flight tickets from Boston to Ireland, hotel accommodations, meals, guided tours, and transportation. Pricing for the land only package starts at \$2,303 per person for double/twin

room sharing and \$2,990 per person for single room occupancy and includes hotel accommodations, meals, guided tours and transportation.

To reserve a spot or inquire further about the Wild Atlantic Way Tour, interested individuals can visit Cara Group Travel's website for more information. With limited availability, early booking is recommended to secure a place on this extraordinary journey.

The Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston is dedicated to celebrating and preserving Irish culture, arts, and heritage. Located in Canton, the Centre offers a wide range of cultural programs, events, and educational initiatives, serving as a vibrant community gathering place for individuals of all backgrounds with an interest in Irish culture.

WHAT'S COOKING

with

Marie & Suzie

By MARIE D'OLIMPIO and SUZIE FALCO



Artichoke Hearts & Black Olive Fritters

By MARIE

There is nothing like crispy, warm fritters and I've certainly made all kinds - using many different ingredients. Fritters make a nice side dish, lunch or a snack.

Today's recipe has two ingredients that are favorites in my family: artichoke hearts and black olives. The combination combined is delicious. Try them yourself and see!

Ingredients and Directions

6 large black pitted olives, cut into chunky pieces
4 artichoke hearts, cut finely; you can use frozen or canned
1 teaspoon of baking powder
½ cup of flour (mix baking powder and flour together)
¼ teaspoon of garlic powder
¼ teaspoon onion powder
½ teaspoon of paprika, which will give them some spice. (Optional)

1 egg

¼ cup milk

½ cup panko bread crumbs

4 tablespoons of olive oil

After you have cut the olives and artichoke hearts, set them aside.

Then, in a large bowl, add all of the dry ingredients and mix well.

Then add the egg and milk, mixing well. Once all of these ingredients are well blended, add the olives and artichoke hearts.

When all of the ingredients are well combined, in a large skillet, heat the olive oil.

Then using a tablespoon, put spoonfuls of the mixture into the hot oil (add more oil as needed).

Fry until one side is golden brown, turn and fry the other side.

When done, place on a paper towel or a rack wire rack to cool.

These fritters are really delicious; I hope that you try making them.

Eggs Baked In Avocados

By SUZIE

It's usually a no-no to cook an avocado, since it is meant to be eaten raw and normally sliced in a salad or made into guacamole... but get ready for a heart healthy, fiber, protein, and healthy fat kind of breakfast!

This will keep you satisfied and not missing the bread. I like this with salsa and I also add a side of a fermented vegetable, such as kimchi or sauerkraut which are available in the refrigerated section at health stores.

RECIPE

2 ripe avocados
4 fresh eggs
Pepper
Sea salt to taste
1 tablespoon chopped chives, parsley, or any other herbs of choice

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

Slice the avocados in half, and take out the pit. Scoop out about two tablespoons of flesh from the center of the avocado, just enough so the egg will fit snugly in the center.

Place the avocados in a small baking dish. Do your best to make sure they fit tightly.

Crack an egg into each avocado half. Try your best to crack the yolk in first, then let the egg whites spill in to fill up the rest of the shell.

Place in the oven and bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

Cooking time will depend on the size of your eggs and avocados. Just make sure the egg whites have enough time to set. Season to your liking. Enjoy!

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SOUTHER TIDE MILL on Southern Artery was among the clean-up spots for Cleaner, Greener Quincy May 4. Shown here are members of the Friends of Southern Tide Mill who were among the volunteers who helped spruce up the historic site. From left to right are Kathy Hogan, Doug Morrill and Beverly Anderson. Missing from picture: Frank Hogan, Anneli Johnson and Pond Street area residents. The group cut away invasive Black Locusts, Sumac and poisonous vines as well as pruned rose bushes and spread much. More Cleaner, Greener Quincy Photos on Page 27 and Page 39.

Photo Courtesy Anneli Johnson

Estate Planning June 12

Discover how you can help secure your family's future and protect your assets from risk and uncertainty, with an estate plan.

Join the team from B.O.C. Life Solutions (a licensed subsidiary of Bank of Canton) at Bank of Can-

ton's 60 McGrath Highway branch for a complimentary seminar on Wednesday, June 12, from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

All are welcome, and lunch will be provided to those who RSVP. Call 781-830-6152.

Houghs Neck History Program Thursday

Patti Williams will present a program on Houghs Neck History - the 1890s - on Thursday, May 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Ave., Quincy.

During the 1890s, Houghs Neck continued to develop into a desirable seaside community. The Manet Land Associates developed hundreds of residential house lots and the Manet Street Railway brought a new way for people to get

here.

Illuminations and ship-breaking continued. New hotels opened. The first Catholic church opened. In 1895 water pipes were installed and in 1899 electricity came to Houghs Neck.

The May 16th program is free and open to the public.

There will also be a Houghs Neck History Program on Tuesday, June 4. The topic will focus on Houghs Neck Cottage Names.

Taylor Kinsley In Curry College Honor Society

Curry College recently welcomed Taylor Kinsley of Quincy into the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society.

The Alexander Graham Bell (AGB) Honor Society promotes and recognizes academic excellence at Curry College. The Society is named for the famous inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, who was an early chancellor at Curry College.

It was founded in 1971 to recognize and promote academic excellence through a variety of activities at Curry.

The Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society is one of Curry's most distinguished organizations. Membership in the Society is limited to those students who have achieved Dean's List every semester while enrolled at Curry College.



THE QUINCY CHAMBER of Commerce and The National Society of The Colonial Dames in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts invite the public to a picnic at the Dorothy Quincy Homestead, 34 Butler Rd., Quincy, on Wednesday, May 22nd, from 4 to 7 p.m. The event will feature a complimentary ice cream truck for kids, guided tours of the home and historic rep-enactors from 5 to 7 p.m.

Photos Courtesy Carolyn Brown

Picnic May 22 At Dorothy Quincy Homestead

In celebration of The Presidents Trail, the Quincy Chamber of Commerce and The National Society of The Colonial Dames in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts invite the public to a picnic at the Dorothy Quincy Homestead, 34 Butler Rd., Quincy. On Wednesday, May 22nd, from 4 to 7 p.m. come and enjoy a delightful evening surrounded by the charm of one of Quincy's most cherished landmarks.

The event will feature a complimentary ice cream truck for kids, guided tours of the home and historic rep-enactors from 5 to 7 p.m.

Built in 1686, the Dorothy Quincy Homestead House stands as a testament to centuries of American history. Once

home to Dorothy Quincy, the wife of patriot John Hancock, this exquisite estate has witnessed the unfolding of countless tales of love, resilience, and patriotism. Bring along your picnic baskets and blankets and enjoy your favorite foods amidst the peaceful surroundings of this historic estate.

Explore the grounds, enjoy guided tours of the meticulously preserved house, and immerse yourself in the fascinating stories of the Quincy family and their prominent role in American history. Don't miss out on this special opportunity to enjoy the serene beauty of the Dorothy Quincy Homestead House. For more information, visit thequincychamber.com or email info@thequincychamber.com.

Amy Tierce Regional Lending Manager At Bank Of Canton

Mortgage originator Amy Tierce has been appointed regional lending manager at Bank of Canton. Named 2020 Affiliate of the Year by the REALTORS Association of Southeast Massachusetts and a 2021 Top Originator by Scotsman Guide, she will provide clients throughout the Greater Boston area with personalized home financing solutions from Bank of Canton's suite of lending products.

"I'm so excited to be a part of the Bank of Canton team," said Tierce. "With today's challenging real es-



AMY TIERCE

tate market, it's even more important to work with others who hold the same high standards of customer service and ethical lending. The bank prioritizes the

customer experience and is deeply committed to community engagement and education, as am I. I can't wait to get started."

Over her 30 years in the mortgage industry, Tierce has built successful regional lending operations for national mortgage companies, including branch offices in the Greater Boston area that closed hundreds of millions in originations annually. She has been a national speaker and panelist, and chaired the Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers Association's Education Committee as well as the Greater Bos-

ton Association of REALTORS' (GBAR) Affiliate Committee. She also volunteers her time as a mentor at Entrepreneurship for All (EforAll) on the south coast.

"It's hard to overstate the passion that Amy brings to her profession and her community," said J. Scott Gannon, senior vice president of residential and consumer lending at Bank of Canton. "Her work ethic is second to none, as demonstrated by her accomplishments and her client relationships. We're very excited to have her join the team and add to our success."

Gear Up: May is Bicycle Safety Month

With the weather warming, more cyclists are sharing the roads with drivers. This May, for Bicycle Safety Month, AAA Northeast is urging all roadway users to take responsibility for preventing crashes on our roads.

More than 1,100 cyclists were killed in traffic crashes across the country in 2022, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Bicyclist deaths are highest in late spring and summer, coinciding with the busy summer travel season.

In Massachusetts, 33 bicyclists were killed in traffic crashes between 2018 and 2022, according to NHTSA data.

Drivers play a critical role in helping keep cyclists safe:

- **Look for bicyclists** before opening a car door and when pulling out from a parking space. When parked on a street, drivers can use their right hand to open their door when exiting the vehicle to ensure there are no oncoming bicyclists before fully opening the door.

- **Pay extra attention for bicyclists when turning.** NHTSA reports that more than a third of fatal bicycle crashes occurred at intersections in 2022. Particularly in urban areas, drivers should check their mirrors for bicyclists before making a turn.

- **Keep designated bicycle lanes clear,** never using them for parking or passing.

- **Share the road and give bicyclists room.** Do not pass bicyclists too closely, and only pass when it's safe to move

over into an adjacent lane.

- **Be focused and alert; never drive distracted.** Distractions take a driver's eyes and attention off the road. Put the phone away to help keep everyone on our roads safer.

AAA Northeast offers the following safety tips for bicyclists:

- **Follow the rules of the road** by traveling in the right direction, signaling turns and obeying traffic signs and lane markings — just like a car. NHTSA reports that 129 bicyclists were killed in 2022 while riding the wrong way.

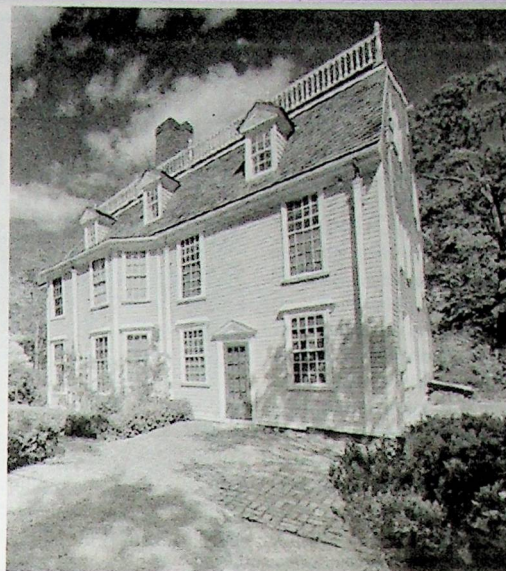
- **Always wear safety gear,** including a properly fitted helmet, which offers the best protection. Refer to NHTSA's step-by-step guide to ensure the best fit and comfort.

- **Make yourself as visible as possible.** Reflective vests, lights on bicycles and brightly colored clothing can increase a bicyclist's visibility, especially in low-light conditions.

- **Practice bicycle maintenance** and always check your equipment before taking off, especially tires and brakes.

- **Ride together, when possible.** There is safety in numbers, and riding with others can improve visibility.

AAA Northeast members automatically receive two bicycle calls per year. If your bicycle breaks down while you're out for a ride, simply call the AAA Roadside Assistance number, and AAA will transport you and your bicycle anywhere within 10 miles at no cost.



Social Security Matters Ask Rusty – Future Retiree Worried About Social Security's Future

By RUSSELL GLOOR

National Social Security Advisor
at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I keep reading that the SSA will only be able to pay out 75% of benefits come 2033. If congress were to do nothing and this reduction in benefits occurred, would seniors already collecting benefits in 2033 have their benefits reduced or would it only be those who have not begun to collect have their future benefits reduced? I will be collecting my benefits no later than 2027 but my wife will not reach full retirement age until 2033 and we are looking for information on whether we need to adjust savings now to account for mine or my wife's possible reduction in benefits. **Signed: Worried Senior**

Dear Worried Senior: If Congress does nothing to prevent Social Security's reserves from depletion, Social Security – by law – will only be able to pay out benefits equal to income, which is estimated to be about 23% to 25% short of what will be needed to pay full benefits starting in 2033. That would mean everyone who is already receiving monthly Social Security benefits would get a payment 23% to 25% less than they were previously receiving. And without reform, new beneficiaries would get benefits similarly reduced.

The action needed to prevent those cuts from happening resides with Congress, and any program reform they enact would likely only affect those who are not yet collecting. Whether or how that would affect you and your wife as future SS beneficiaries depends on the scope of reform Congress will enact which, of course, is not yet known. That uncertainty, itself, is reason enough to bolster your savings for your future retirement.

The probability of Congress allowing the Trust Funds to be depleted, thus necessitating an across the board cut in everyone's benefit is, in my opinion, slim (it would be political suicide). Congress already knows how to fix Social Security's financial woes – they just currently lack the bipartisanship and political fortitude to do so. And it's doubtful any Social Security reform will happen this election year – rather, the opposing sides will likely just sling accusations at each other in 2024. But rest assured that both sides of Congress are acutely aware that reform of the Social Security program is needed soon, and we are already seeing signs that progress on reform may be forthcoming (but not until after the 2024 elections).

Congress is notorious for waiting until the last possible moment to act, and I don't suggest you alter your Social Security claiming strategy based on the unknown. But building a bigger nest egg for retirement is always a prudent goal. Also, calling your Congressional Representative to endorse needed Social Security reform which ensures your future benefits will not be cut would be a good move.

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Beer Garden, Farmers Market Set For Kilroy Square

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Widowmaker Brewing to host the beer garden in Kilroy Square for the past three years, which has featured a rotation of food trucks. Chamber President Tim Cahill said this year's beer garden would be similar to those offered in previous years.

"This team has done a great job running this event for the last few years, and anything we've done in Quincy – we use them a lot," Cahill said. "They've done a great job, pull in a great crowd."

The beer garden is currently slated to end on June 29 because a restaurant, Evviva Trattoria, is set to open within the adjacent Nova Quincy building at 1500 Hancock St. Cahill said he was hopeful the beer garden would be able to operate after June 29 and he could be back before the board

next month for additional licenses.

Police Chief Mark Kennedy said the beer garden has been a success.

"From a police perspective, we've never had an issue there," he said. "It's always been very successful and a really good crowd, well behaved, and it's been a great addition."

In other business on May 7, the board granted the city of Quincy a series of special-use permits and one-day liquor licenses for events planned for the downtown.

Those events include a series of concerts the city will host on the Hancock-Adams Common in front of City Hall starting this weekend. They are Music of the '40s and '50s on May 18 from 1 to 7 p.m.; Music of the '60s and '70s on June 22 from 1 to 7 p.m.; a Patriotic Celebration on July 6 from 4

to 8 p.m.; Music of the '80s and '90s on Aug. 17 from 3 to 8 p.m.; and one featuring the Quincy Choral Society and Quincy Symphony Pops on Sept. 21 from 4 to 6 p.m.

The city will also host the Food Truck & Music Festival on Coddington Street on Oct. 5 from noon to 6 p.m.

In additional business on May 7, the licensing board:

Granted a special-use permit and one-day liquor license to Quincy Pride for its annual Quincy Pride event on Sunday, June 2, from noon to 6 p.m. on the Ross Lot at 37R Parkingway. John McDonald said Craig's Café and Break Rock Brewing would be participating in this year's event.

Granted a special-use permit to the National MS Society for the 2024 Bike MS: Cape Cod Getaway on Saturday, June 29. Riders will gather at State Street

Bank that morning and are expected to be out of Quincy by 8:45 a.m.

Granted a special-use permit and one-day liquor to Ragnar Events for its annual Ragnar Relay on Saturday, May 18. The 200-mile race begins in Groton, Conn., and ends at Squantum Point Park, where beer and pizza will be available. The final exchange point for the race is the YMCA on Coddington Street.

Granted the request of Off the Hook Bar and Grill, 1269 Sea St., for a special-use permit and temporary extension of its licensed premises for the annual Houghs Neck Flounder Roundup and Block Party on Saturday, June 8 (rain date is June 9). The event will feature live music. A portion of Bay View Avenue will be closed during the event.

Wollaston Garden Club Spring Plant Sale Saturday

Members of the Wollaston Garden Club have been busy this past month dividing and potting perennials and shrubs for their annual Spring Plant Sale of hardy locally-grown plants on Saturday, May 18th (rain or shine) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Wollaston Congre-

gational Church at the corner of Lincoln and Winthrop Avenues in Wollaston.

Besides a wide array of hardy perennials, also available at the sale will be: herbs, tomato plants, other vegetable plants and lawn ornaments. The palm-flex style gardening gloves used

by many of the garden club members will be also sold.

Master Gardeners will be on site to answer questions and provide planting advice. Plants will be organized according to light requirements: sun to shade. WGC Co-Presidents, Kathy Ceurvels and Janet DiPaolo

remind shoppers "to arrive on time for the best selection." Locals know well the benefits of buying hardy garden club perennials for really successful gardening at their home sites.

Proceeds from the plant sale benefit the many educational, civic beautification and conservation projects of the garden club. The Club will gladly accept: cash, checks, or Venmo.

The Wollaston Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. and is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the love of gardening and the conservation and beautification of our community.

Souther Tide Mill Friends Meet Thursday

Friends of Souther Tide Mill will hold its annual meeting Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Quincy Point Congregational Church, 444 Washington St., Quincy (corner of Southern Artery.)

The public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Guest speaker will be shipbuilding historian and author Wayne Miller. His

topic will be "A Shipbuilding Tradition in Quincy." Miller's slide presentation will feature scenes and stories from his book, a treasure trove of nearly two centuries of the shipbuilding industry in Quincy from the years 1789 to 1986. Copies of his book will be available for purchase at a discounted

rate.

This is a rare opportunity learn more about the early Souther industries on the Town River as well as information on the Friends of the Souther Tide Mill or joining the Friends.

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Thuy Nguyen & John Lam

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NQ3 Development

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BUYER

No Limit Holdings LLC &, Danei Sem

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Thi & Truong Nguyen

Shi Chen & Qian Lu

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April Real Estate Report: Overall Activity Up In County

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reports that Norfolk County recordings for the month of April 2024 indicate an increase in overall real estate activity, with significant increases in property sales and mortgage activity as compared to April 2023.

The Registry of Deeds recorded 8,312 documents in April 2024. This was 9 percent more than in April 2023 and an 8 percent increase compared to March 2024.

"Spring is the first half of the traditional home-buying season and typically marks the beginning of a busy period for the real estate market," O'Donnell said. "The rise in property sales and mortgage activity compared to last year reflects a strong demand for housing in Norfolk County."

The total number of deeds recorded for April 2024, which reflects both

commercial and residential real estate sales and transfers, was 1,250, up 12 percent from April 2023 and up 6 percent from March 2024. Looking at just commercial and residential real estate sales, the number was up 15 percent from last year.

"Despite some difficult market conditions, the total number of commercial and residential property sales in April 2024 showed a significant increase compared to the previous year," O'Donnell said. "This may be an indication that March's increase in property listings, while still not enough to counteract the overall lack of available property inventory is beginning to attract more buyers, leading to more property sales."

The average sale price of commercial and residential properties for April 2024 rose to \$1,036,735, a 12 percent increase compared to April 2023 but a decrease

of one percent from March 2024. The total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is up, increasing 28 percent from last year and up 13 percent from last month.

"With a limited supply of available properties on the market, any increase in demand is likely to cause an increase in the average property sales price," O'Donnell noted. "Unfortunately, when prices rise without an equivalent rise in inventory, it may result in increased competition among buyers. This makes it harder for homebuyers in general, but especially for first-time homebuyers."

For the month of April, lending activity showed an increase compared to the same month a year ago. A total of 1,243 mortgages were recorded in April 2024, up 12 percent from April 2023 and 14 percent more than last month.

"The increase in lending activity this month is likely a product of the increase in the number of property transactions compared to 2023," O'Donnell said. "This may suggest that while some homeowners are still hesitant to make moves with average mortgage interest rates above 7 percent,

others are not dissuaded by current interest rates, but time will tell if this trend holds out."

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely monitoring the foreclosure market. In April 2024, there were six foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, whereas in April 2023, there were 10 recorded. However, in April 2024, there were 43 notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, more than the 30 recorded in April 2023.

"The substantial increase in the number of these notices is troubling," O'Donnell said. "It suggests that more of our neighbors may have financial difficulties in the future. If you are having difficulty paying your monthly mortgage, please consider contacting one of these non-profit agencies for help and guidance."

For the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs (617-479-8181 x376) and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (508-587-0950) to help anyone facing challenges paying their mort-

gage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400.

"It is good to see that the increase of property listings in March resulted in an increase in property sales which is an indication that the desire for individuals to live in Norfolk County communities remains strong. As we move further into the home buying season we hope to see similar real estate activity," O'Donnell said.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located

at 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, and others with a need for secure, accurate, and accessible land record information.

All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website, www.norfolkdeeds.org.

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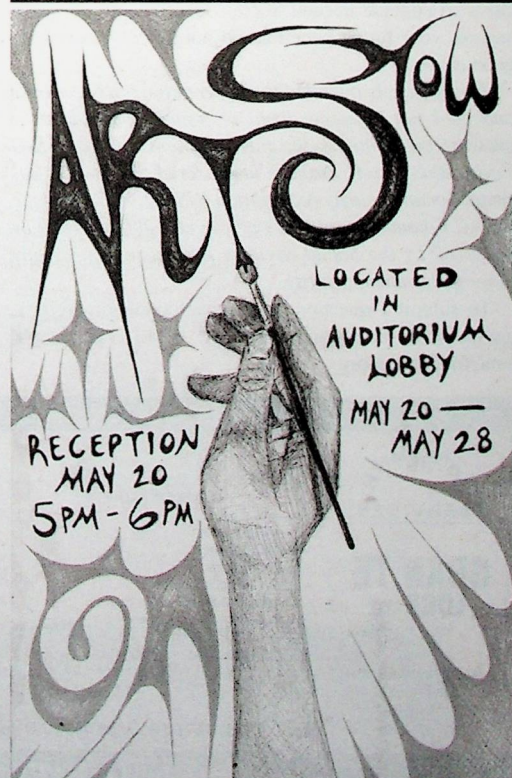


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Steakhouse Restaurant Planned At Former Masonic Temple

By SCOTT JACKSON

A Quincy restaurateur plans to open a steakhouse inside the former Masonic Temple on Hancock Street in the city's downtown.

The Board of License Commissioners on May 7 granted a liquor license as well as entertainment and brunch licenses to Masons Steakhouse, which plans to open at 1170 Hancock St. later this year. The restaurant's licensed hours are 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. six days a week and 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Sundays.

Located within the Center & Stone development, the restaurant will have room for some 240 customers and will operate on three floors of the building. Storage and a prep kitchen will be located in the basement; the main kitchen, dining room, bar and outdoor din-

ing will be on the first floor; and an employee room, office, service bar and three dining areas will be on the third floor.

The new steakhouse will be run by Jimmy Liang, the founder of the JP Fuji Group. Liang has been in business in Quincy for 25 years and the group operates nine restaurants across the Boston area.

Liang described his new venture as a medium to high-end steakhouse. The menu for the restaurant includes various cuts of beef such as angus beef short rib with potato gnochette and chopped broccoli rabe, a 16-ounce bone-in Kansas City sirloin, and 20-ounce bone-in prime rib eye. The menu also includes a number of pasta dishes like fettuccine with sea scallops and slow-cooked ostrich

neck ragu.

"It's going to be an American steakhouse, fresh pastas, freshly made, and all sorts of baked goods," Liang said. "We envision this to be a medium to high-end steakhouse. I believe this is something that the city of Quincy needs."

Liang said he was hopeful the restaurant would help bring nightlife back to the city.

"The hours of operation that we're asking for, I believe it's vital to the businesses in the city of Quincy, because since Covid it has not been the same," he said. "Nightlife is not around anymore and we're hoping we can utilize this chance to bring back some sort of nightlife to the city of Quincy whether it's for us or for the other establishments in the area."

The board heard from three residents of Russell Park who were concerned about the 1 a.m. closing time as well as parking for the restaurant's employees and customers.

Randy Hoes, one of the residents who spoke, said he would prefer the restaurant close by 11 p.m.

"It worries me when we want to promote nightlife at the top of the street," he said. "It's a nice street. They've worked really hard on the buildings to get them to look nice. I'm not interested in a lot of carousing around, extra boozing and whatnot. I just want to come and say my piece. I think 1 a.m. is too late. I appreciate something like 11 p.m. at the latest."

Robert Cerasoli, a former state representative and a resident of Russell Park,

said he had spoke in favor of the Center & Stone development when it was reviewed by the city. Cerasoli said he was concerned there would not be enough parking available for the restaurant.

"They're going to have a lot of patrons, and the patrons are going to look, as you all know, they are going to look to park the closest they can to the facility, and that means on Russell Park," he said.

In response to the residents' concerns, Liang said he believes in working with the community.

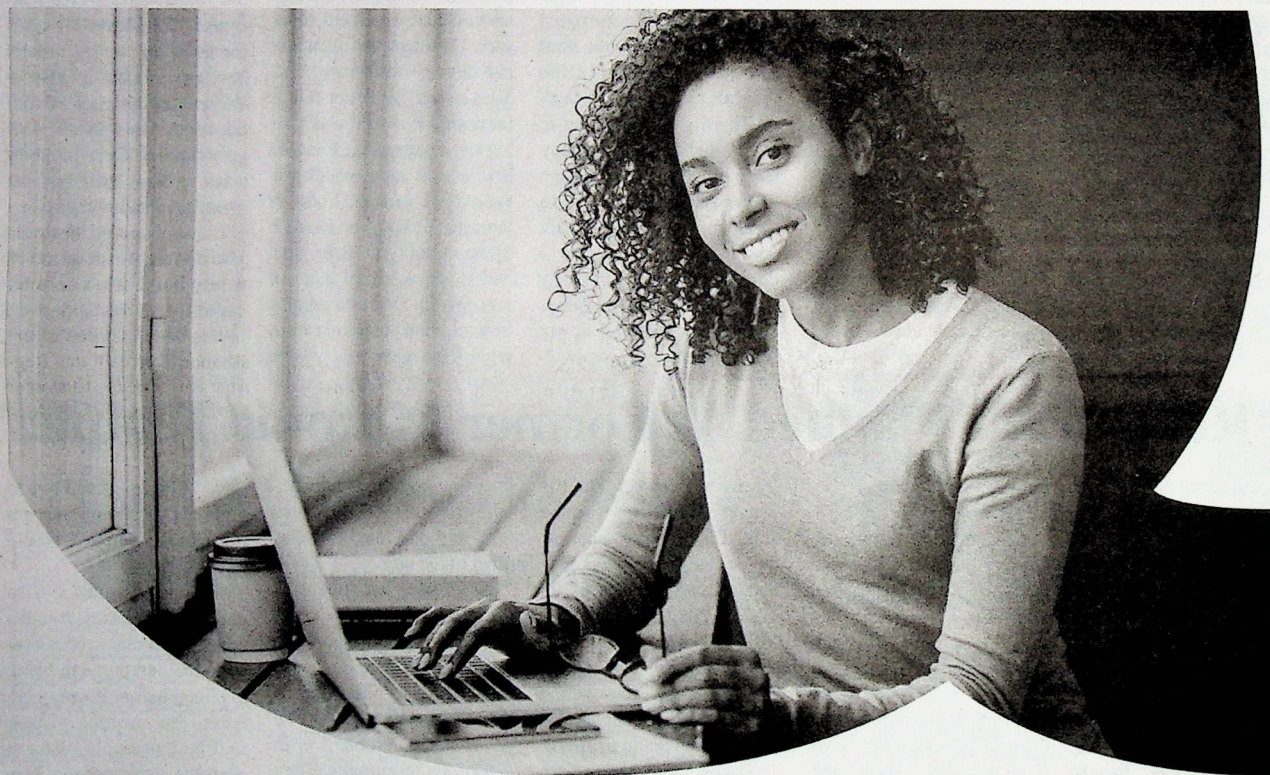
"As a resident of Quincy - I grew up in the city; I've been in business in the city for 25 years - I believe in working with the community," he said. "This was an opportunity for me to re-invest back into the city of Quincy, as I've always tried

to do. I've always worked very closely with my neighbors to be extremely transparent."

Liang said the restaurant would have 30 parking spaces available within the development. Liang noted he operates Fuji at WoC at nearby 1420 Hancock St. within the West of Chestnut development, and said the parking situation at that restaurant would be similar to the one at the new steakhouse.

"We tell all our customers, no side streets. We tell our customers, utilize the garage. That's our messaging," he said, adding that the garage Fuji at WoC's customers use is further from the restaurant than the Presidents Place garage is from the new steakhouse.

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New Mayor's Salary Request Lower Than Recommendation

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The city had paid Dorminson \$9,500 for the report.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 presented to city councillors on May 6 did not include a raise for the mayor. Koch said he planned to put forward a salary ordinance, which would include raises for the mayor and all nine city councillors, on May 20.

In an interview on May 8, Koch said he had yet to determine what salaries he would propose for himself and the city councillors, who currently make \$29,814 each per year. He did say his salary would come in below the salary recommended by the Dorminson report.

"What I can tell you is it will be below the range that was recommended," Koch said. "It's going to be below the range that was recommended."

"One of the most difficult things for me sitting here is putting an order in for my own raise. It's awkward as heck but in our form of government it's the only way it happens," Koch continued.

"I love what I do. I've had one raise in 17 years. I think if you look at the responsibilities and the role of mayor, CEO, of the city, it's extensive. It's a 24-7 job

and I think it should be – whether I'm sitting here or someone else is sitting here – on the salary side it should be compensated with that kind of respect.

"The town of Plymouth manager is \$293,000. Cambridge is at \$325,000, the city manager, \$125,000 mayor. It's two separate [roles]. The mayor does the ceremonial stuff. Well in Quincy, it's both roles."

When asked about potentially having a higher salary than Boston Mayor Michelle Wu – whose salary is about \$208,000 annually – Koch said he did look not at what she makes.

"I don't look at Michelle Wu. I couldn't tell you what she makes. I view us comparing more to a city like our size like a Cambridge. Boston is unique in a lot of ways," Koch said. "It's going to come in below the range and I'll also bring the city councillors in at the same time, bring them in as ordinances. Again, the council hasn't had an increase in 10 years either."

The Dorminson report also recommended the mayor's salary be indexed to inflation moving forward. Koch said he was unsure if the city could do that by ordinance.

"I don't think we can do

that. I don't think the charter or law would allow us to do that," Koch said. "I think that's an argument that you could make every year that you go to the budget, you could perhaps put that in and make that argument to the council, but I don't think that can be tied to the order."

Any raise for the mayor and city councillors would be phased in over two fiscal years, because state law would prevent those salary increases from kicking in until Jan. 1, 2025. The budget for fiscal year 2025 – which begins July 1 – would also have to be adjusted to account for the raises.

When he introduced his proposed \$424 million budget for fiscal year 2025 – an increase of \$18.3 million or 4.5 percent over the current fiscal year's budget – Koch said other communities in the area are facing layoffs or contemplating Proposition 2 1/2 overrides this spring, but Quincy is not. In the interview, Koch said development that has taken place in Quincy is part of the reason the city is not in the same position as those communities.

"I know there are some folks from a couple of those communities that were critical of Quincy and its growth and I know that people in

some of those towns say, 'we don't want to be like Quincy.' Well, now you've got to deal with the reality of not having growth," Koch said.

"The way we're structured under Massachusetts state law, every city and town, we're under Prop 2 1/2, which you can only go up so much each year on the taxes, so you've got to feed the economic engine. How do you do that? In our case, we've been doing that with good – in my view; I know there's many people that disagree with me – good, solid development. We've done a lot of development over the years, which has also created new values. So, it's not just the new buildings. It's new value that you're creating which you capture on the property taxes as well.

"Now, there is a double-edged sword on the value piece because if you own a piece of property, you want your value to go up because someday you want to cash in. The flip side is if you're in the market to try to buy something, you're paying a higher value and it's hard to break in. So, it's a difficult double-edged sword but I think if you're a property owner you want your values going up, not going down. So, we've enjoyed good val-

ues along with new growth with new development, so that added property tax coming in helps to make up for those needs that we have to fund our budget."

Koch also said that the city would save \$26 million this year due to the \$475 million pension obligation bond that was approved in 2021, and could save \$180 million over the life of the bond.

"I can't emphasize how huge that decision was for the city," Koch said of the pension obligation bond in the recent interview. "At the time, I had to fight to get six votes on the council. I respect everybody's opinion – they are all independently elected – but what was predicted happened."

"There was a lot of work put in this. This wasn't an easy, quick thing. We had a lot of outside advisors, financial advisors, bond advisors, legal people. [Municipal finance director] Eric Mason and his team did a fantastic job. But it was taking advantage of the historic low interest rates, which we got at 2.62 percent. Look at the rates today. So, we had an opportunity to do it, you had to do it to get a good rate. We got the best rate historically and since that time rates have gone up, which

means the investments of the retirement board are growing, so that's huge.

"If we didn't do that... we'd have to be dealing with \$26 million more this year and we might be in trouble like some of those other towns had we not done it."

Koch said it was too soon to say exactly what impact the increase on the budget would have on property taxes, adding there would be a modest increase. The new tax rates will be set in December.

"I tried that years ago and then I got in trouble because it's too early to calculate the new growth numbers. We don't do that until later in the summer and stuff, so I don't want to put out anything that could be wrong," Koch responded when asked about the impact of the budget on property taxes.

"It will be a modest increase," he added. "It's going to be an increase, that's how government in Massachusetts is designed. Every city and town every year goes up on their property taxes to fund their government. Now sometimes when you have better local aid you don't have to go up as much, but if it's a lean local aid year then cities and towns have to go up a little bit more."

Steakhouse Restaurant Planned At Former Masonic Temple

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Tim Cahill, the president of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of Liang's proposal. Cahill said the space within the building would be a restaurant, and there would be no better operator for that restaurant than Liang.

"There will be a restaurant in that location, it's built

for a restaurant, and I think you couldn't do better than having Jimmy Liang and his team, because they will be part of the community as they have been right down the street," Cahill said.

"They've always attracted a very, very good crowd of people. They're not rabble rousers, they're not late-night partiers, they're

people who come for good food and good drink. The prices are such that it's not going to be a college crowd, it's not going to be a bunch of young kids getting loud and drunk and then having problems."

City Clerk Nicole Crispo, the chairperson of the licensing board, said Ward 1 Councillor David Mc-

Carthy and Mayor Thomas Koch's office are working with Liang on a plan so the restaurant can use city-owned parking spaces in the area, like those near the MBTA station and the Adams Academy. The board, she said, could approve the license contingent upon that parking plan being finalized.

Police Chief Mark Kennedy, who also sits on the

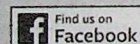
licensing board, said his department has had no issues with any of Liang's restaurants in the city.

"I've been a police officer in Quincy for 26 years and Mr. Liang has been operating restaurants and establishments for 25 of them. I can tell you that I've never had a problem with any of his restaurants. They are well run," Kennedy

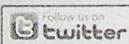
said. "This is a medium to high-end restaurant and not a nightclub where I would have concerns."

The board voted 5-0 to grant the licenses for the new restaurant, contingent upon the parking plan being finalized before it can open. After the meeting, Liang said he tentatively plans to open the steakhouse in September or October.

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Sunday, May 19
11:30am: Quincy Point Church Good News
1:00pm: The Call

Monday, May 20
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Tuesday, May 21
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Wednesday, May 22
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7:00pm: The Call

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5:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals 5/7

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8:00pm: Quincy Planning Board: 5/15

Saturday/Sunday, May 18/19
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10:30am: In Your Neighborhood: Ward 5
3:00pm: Quincy District Court Law Day 2024
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10:00pm: Board of License Commissioners 5/7
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6:40pm: LIVE: City Council

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• **Wear a life jacket** – By providing time to be rescued, it will help ensure you survive an unexpected fall into the water. It can also save your life if you become exhausted due to fatigue, waves, or current while swimming. An adult can drown in 60 seconds, and it takes a strong swimmer 10 minutes to put on a life jacket after entering the water. Statistics show that numerous drownings could have been prevented if a life jacket would have been worn, Life Jackets Worn... Nobody Mourns.

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Device While Boating – If thrown out of a boat, there is always the danger of being struck by a spinning propeller, especially since an unoccupied boat can often start traveling in circles after the operator is ejected. Wearing an engine cut-off switch lanyard or electronic fob immediately stops the engine after ejection so that the operator can regain control of the boat.

• **Know your swimming abilities** – Be aware that swimming in open water is different from swimming in a pool, and your swimming ability decreases with age. It is never too late to take swimming lessons and learn to swim well. Several people every year drown while swimming to retrieve boats, hats and toys – things not worth losing your life over.

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Squadron 294 Memorial Day Observance Sunday

Col. Francis J. Curtis (Ret.) Keynote Speaker; Dedication In Memory Of Guy Ferris At Flags For Veterans Island

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 294, Morrisette American Legion Post, will host its annual Memorial Day observance Sunday, May 19 at 1 p.m. at Flags for Veterans Island, Fort Square, School and Pleasant Streets, Quincy.

Keynote speaker will be Col. Francis J. Curtis (retired), who has served over 32 years in the United States Army Reserve. A native of Boston, he graduated from Norwich University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1982.

Col. Curtis received his commission through OCS as an Infantry officer in 1986 followed by assignments with the 26th Infantry Division and the 29th Infantry Division (L). He has commanded at the Company, Battalion and Brigade level while also serving in key staff assignments that included battalion administration, battalion operations and brigade logistics.

Throughout his military career, he has served in diverse assignments, including tactical, operational, and strategic levels of the Army, which have been joint, multinational, and special operation organizations. He has expertise with stability and combat operations, humani-

tarian assistance, and security cooperation with allies, and missions providing support on conventional and irregular threats. After completing his command and staff assignments with the Infantry he was accepted for assignment into the 353rd Civil Affairs Command (Airborne), in 2002. For the next several years he served in a variety of key civil-military positions with special focus in the Iraq conflict serving with the 1st Marine Division and 82D Airborne Division in Iraq from March 2003 until June 2004.

From September 2004 to September 2006, Col. Curtis served as Headquarters Commander of the 304th CA Brigade in Philadelphia, PA. In December 2006, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and selected for command of the 432nd CA Battalion in Green Bay, WI. He deployed as a Battalion Commander to the Iraq Theatre of Operations from November 2007 until November 2008 in support of the 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division-Baghdad with emphasis on the civil military's non-lethal lines of operation. In February 2011, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel where he served as a

Functional Team Chief with the 353rd CACOM. In 2012 he was selected for Brigade Command serving as the 1st Brigade Commander of the 95th Division (IET) at Fort Sill, OK. Col. Curtis completed his career serving as the Chief of Staff of the 353rd CACOM, responsible for providing trained and disciplined soldiers to combatant commanders worldwide for peacetime and war contingencies with special focus on USAFRICOM and USEUCOM.

Col. Curtis is a graduate of the U.S. Army Basic Airborne School, Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advance Course, Combined Armed Staff and Service School, Civil Affairs Qualification Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College; earning a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies.

His awards and decorations included the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3rd Award), National Defense Service Medal

(2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device, Br. Hourglass, Roman Numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and the German Parachutist Badge.

Col. Curtis lives in Boston with his daughter, Nicole.

The Memorial Day ob-



COL. FRANCIS J. CURTIS (retired)



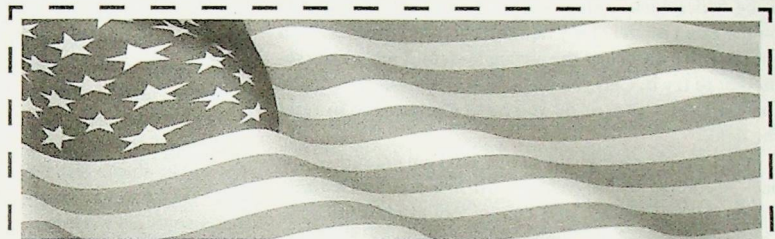
GUY FERRIS

servance will also include a special dedication in memory of Guy Ferris, a dual member of the Morrisette American Legion Post and Squadron 294. Mr. Ferris, a veteran of the United States Air Force, died Oct. 6, 2023. He served many roles over the years with the Morrisette Post and Squadron 294 including Vice-Commander, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms for the Post. He was

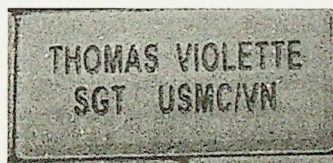
Vice-Commander, Historian and Finance Officer for Squadron 294.

Mr. Ferris also served as the master of ceremonies for the Squadron's Memorial Day and Veterans' Day observances at Flags for Veterans Island for many years.

The public is welcome to attend the Memorial Day observance at Flags for Veterans Island Sunday, May 19 at 1 p.m.



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Honor, Memorial Bricks Available For Purchase

The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 294, Morrisette American Legion Post in Quincy has resumed selling engraved honor and memorial bricks for its "Bricks for Veterans" at Flags for Veterans Island, Fort Square, Quincy.

Bricks are available for \$50 each. The bricks can be inscribed with a veteran's name, rank and branch of service. Two sample bricks appear above.

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Board OKs Brook Road Marijuana Dispensary

By SCOTT JACKSON

The Zoning Board of Appeals has approved a proposal to open a retail marijuana dispensary on Brook Road in South Quincy.

The zoning board on May 7 unanimously approved the request of Wildflower Cannabis LLC to open the dispensary at 159 Brook Rd. The applicants had been seeking permission to tear down the building currently on site and construct a new 3,500-square-foot retail marijuana establishment. Parking for 18 vehicles is planned for the site.

The zoning board first held a public hearing on the proposal on March 26. The board continued the hearing on the matter until May 7 so the city's traffic engineer could weigh in on the request.

Board members approved the request on May 7 after the city's traffic engineer was able to comment on the proposal.

"The traffic engineer reviewed the report. I'm more than comfortable with her approach. I think there are a couple of issues that

will probably be resolved once you open," said board member Charles O'Brien. "I think that it's satisfactory as far as I'm concerned."

At the March 26 hearing, the co-owners of the proposed dispensary, Maggie Suprey and Eleanor Winship, said their business would be different from other dispensaries and would feature a subscription-type model. Winship said Wildflower Cannabis would offer "smaller, more boutique-type products" in the store. Atty. Erin Riley compared the proposed store to a specialty wine shop.

The store's proposed hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days a week and 10 a.m. to 6

p.m. on Sundays.

Wildflower Cannabis is the fourth recreational dispensary the Zoning Board of Appeals has approved. The others are Quincy Cannabis, which is open and located on the Fore River rotary; Chill & Bliss, which plans to open at 503 Quincy Ave near the Braintree town line; and Pinnacle Cannabis, which plans to open at 15 Liberty St. in South Quincy. Panacea Wellness, a medical marijuana dispensary, is also open on Ricciuti Drive in West Quincy.

Under state law, Quincy is required to license up to eight recreational dispensaries — one for every five retail liquor licenses in the city.

Free Classical Music Concert For Peace June 9

The Schiller Institute Chorus will present a free Classical Music Concert for Peace Sunday, June 9 at 3 p.m. at Christ Church Great Hall, 12 Quincy Ave., Quincy.

The public is welcome. Donations appreciated.

The concert will feature excerpts from Mozart's Coronation Mass, African-American Spirituals, arias, and more, including performances by students of the Rose Conservatory (Brockton). Light reception to follow.

Timing Belt, Blinding Headlights, Summer Driving

Ask John Paul: AAA New England's Car Doctor
Senior Manager, Public Affairs and Traffic Safety

I know you are a car guy, but can you really get by without a car? I am trying to weigh the options of life without a car. My car was an inherited Toyota Camry, but it is 20 years old and needs work and honestly, I do not really enjoy driving. I live in an area with pretty good buses, and I am healthy and in my mid-40s.

It really depends on your lifestyle. When I routinely went out to talk with seniors about driving, giving up a car was a difficult choice. Although when expenses were put down on paper it could sometimes make the decision easier. Factor in fuel, repairs, insurance, and parking, living without a car can sometimes save money. Uber/Lyft once or twice a week can be economical compared to the cost of car insurance. Public transportation and even walking when planned out can work for many. Replacing your car with a bike can sometimes work. I have a Fiido "longtail" electric bike (but we still have cars) and it has good storage, rides well and at my age a little less pedaling is okay with me.

The airbag light on the dashboard of my daughter's 2011 Honda Civic has come on and stays on when the engine is running. I checked some obvious things like blown fuses or loose connectors, but the light remains on. I have seen an airbag light reset procedure on YouTube which looks rather simple and in fact was shown on the exact model of my daughter's car. However, with the sensitive nature of the airbag system, I am a little reluctant to try it. Can you confirm the procedure video in the YouTube video, or do you have a procedure to reset the light?

YouTube can offer plenty of tips, but I am not sure of this one. According to the websites AllData and ProDemand, Honda requires the use of a factory tool to reset the light. The procedure used in the video may in fact work, but I cannot recommend it since it is not approved by Honda. A bigger issue is why the light is on. Honda, like many vehicles, was affected by the massive Takata airbag recall. The light is illuminated because the computer has seen a problem with the air bag system. My suggestion would be, have the air bag system diagnosed and repaired, as necessary. Airbags save lives when used with a seatbelt, and do not take a chance with a malfunctioning system.

I have a second home in Naples Florida, and I am planning on buying a Ford Bronco to leave in the enclosed garage for five or six months while I'm not there. The car will just sit there without being started for up to six months. What is the best thing to do to prevent battery or computer problems, etc., when I return?

The best thing to do would have someone drive the car every three weeks or so. If that cannot be done, have the car serviced before you put it away. When doing this let the shop know the car will not be driven for six months. In addition, fill the gas tank and add a fuel stabilizer (Stabil is one product) to prevent the gas from getting stale. A device such as a Battery Tender or CTEK maintainer (a type of battery charger) will keep the battery fully charged and is designed for long term storage. These simply plug into a wall outlet and clip to the battery posts. Also make sure there is nothing in the garage (bird seed) that could attract rodents. In the garage leave the windows of the Bronco open a bit to allow air to circulate and prevent mildew.

My 2003 Audi A6 which I hardly use but love has a 3.0-liter engine and currently 82,000 miles on the speedometer. I keep getting conflicting reports as to when to have the timing belt changed. The dealer recommends I change the belt immediately even though the manual states 105,000 miles. A local foreign auto repair shop states that as long as there are no oil leaks under the engine, I can wait a little more, but not a long time before changing the timing belt. I would appreciate any clarification you could give to this issue.

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cation you could give to this issue.

Under normal service conditions, Audi recommends replacing the timing belt at 105,000 miles, but it does not list a time interval. Considering most vehicles are driven 12,000 miles per year and your car is 21 years old, it is the equivalent of 252,000 miles not really, but rubber belts do age with time. Conventional wisdom is to replace most timing belts at 10 years of age. If this were my car, I would replace the timing belt, drive belts and coolant hoses in the near future to avoid the possibility of a very expensive breakdown.

I have a 2011 Nissan Frontier. I noticed recently that the engine fan is running constantly. It used to kick on when needed for cooling and air conditioning purposes. As I'm pretty sure that they are all electric now, where is the switch or sensor located? I would assume that when it becomes defective, it would go to default mode and just stay on as opposed to dangerously not running at all.

The fan in your Nissan and similar to many other vehicles has multiple speeds. The computer controls the fan speed based on information from the temperature sensor. Unlike some other vehicles that use a separate temperature sensor for the fan and one for the computer, Nissan only lists one sensor. The sensor, relays (there are two), wiring or fan itself could be the problem. A technician with a scan tool will be able to read the temperature data as well as command the fan to turn on and off. This will help verify which components are working.

I am tired of being blinded by headlights. I have been driving for 50 years and these new cars have headlights that are just too bright. What can be done about this? They should be illegal.

It is interesting that most of the complaints I get about bright headlights are from the people who can benefit most from being able to see better at night. At 60 years of age, we need three times as much light to see as when we were 20. I have evaluated thousands of vehicles in the past 40 years and there are certainly good and bad headlight designs. In addition to glare, as humans eyes are drawn to the brighter light, so when we see a brighter headlight, we tend to stare at it. Just like needing more light to see as we age, we also need more time to adjust to the glare. Back prior to 1980 or so most cars had standard incandescent headlights, then cars switched to halogen lamps, and people complained. The issue was solved quickly, since halogen headlights were relatively inexpensive, and many drivers upgraded to halogens. Then brighter Xenon or HID lights started showing up, these were a very expensive option in luxury cars. Now HID lights are being replaced with LED lights and that is where part of the problem is. Many drivers buy aftermarket LED replacement bulbs, these bulbs can be very bright and are not legal for on road use-but people buy them. Recently the 40-year-old headlight rules were updated by DOT/NHTSA to allow European style headlights. One design is the Matrix light, I have seen/tested these in an Audi. There are 13 bulbs on each side of the car and no traditional high/low beam. These lights provide incredible light but shut down bulb/light segments as other vehicle approach. This design provides sufficient light to the edge of the road and doesn't blind oncoming drivers.

I recently saw a Tesla powered Toyota RAV4 for sale. The car was older, but it said it had a Tesla drivetrain. When did that happen?

I suspect what you may have seen was an RAV4 with a



JOHN PAUL
AAA's Car Doctor

very early Tesla battery (made by Panasonic). I remember seeing these at one of the big auto-shows around 2010 and at the time most people just thought EVs were a fad and Tesla was going to be nothing more than a quick mention in the automotive history books.

What things do I need to check or go through to get my car ready for summer? After staying home for three years due to Covid-19 it is time to go explore our country. It will be my wife and I and our small dog and our 2018 Honda CR-V. The car seems in good shape and only has 40,000 miles on it.

2018 still makes your Honda sound new, but it is six years old, and a little maintenance and repairs may be necessary. With 40,000 miles on the car, it could need new tires (a great investment for a long road trip) and the brakes could be nearing the end of their useful life. Change the engine oil, air and cabin filters, check the battery (if original just replace it). Check all of the belts, hoses, coolant level and condition. If the brakes need replacement, also replace the brake fluid. If you are driving with a roof top carrier and also driving mountain roads, change the transmission fluid before your trip and use only Honda fluid. Enjoy your trip and send photos.

I own a 2019 Lincoln MKZ and retired in the summer of 2020 and my driving went from 60 miles a day to five miles a week. The fall of 2020 I started getting an error message, "system off to save battery." Now this happens every fall when it starts to get cold. I have brought the car to the dealer five times since, and they replaced the battery three times telling me that I do not drive the car enough. They tell me I need to drive it for at least 20 minutes once a week because of all the modules in the car. This year, I was charged for the battery (the others were under warranty) and asked if I can buy a stronger battery. The dealer said that the battery life is three years, yet historically only lasts a year. The dealer advised I cannot install a stronger battery because the car may not work properly. I assume they only sell that one type of battery. Should I wait to see if this battery that I purchased lasts through the fall, if not do you think I can buy another battery with more power?

The error message has to do with the vehicle Start/Stop system. When the battery voltage is low, the system shuts down (perfectly normal) to preserve battery life. Getting a battery with a longer reserve and higher cranking capacity will not change much but would also not cause any issues. The dealer is correct, your car has many computer modules that need a fully charged battery and driving such short distances will eventually discharge any battery. If this were my car, I would drive it for 30 minutes once per week to maintain the battery. The other option is a battery maintainer (a type of battery charger) that plugs into 120-volts and connects to the car. You could also try a solar panel battery maintainer if you park outside.

My 2018 Toyota RAV4 was running fine until the light came on and then a gas smell was detected. When this happened the gas consumption went way up. The code was an EVAP system-small leak detected. I checked the gas cap, and it would not click so I replaced it. In the last three weeks the light has gone off then on again a few times. I visually checked all hoses and lines inside engine compartment, and all seems okay. I cleaned the gas filler tube with cloth soaked in alcohol until came out clean, thinking it was a poor seal. The light still comes on, suggestions?

I suspect your car has more than one problem. At this point I would want to scan the car's computer system again and look for additional fault codes. A good technician will not just read the codes, they will also look at live data to further diagnose the problem. The gas smell could be a faulty purge valve, causing the engine to run rich, which could be why you are seeing reduced fuel mileage. This overtime

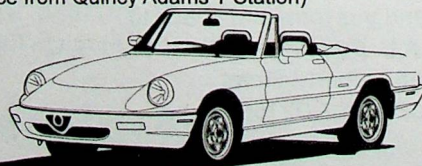
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could also damage the catalytic converter.

I have a 2011 Honda Accord which I purchased new. Recently I had the driver's side sun visor replaced for the fifth time. Every few years the visor starts to stay in the down position, and I have to literally punch the area where the visor is connected to the roof of the car to get it to stay up. I rarely use the visor because it breaks so often and the cost to repair it. Usually, Honda will not charge me labor since this malfunction happens so often, but they do charge me for the part (recently \$160). While I was at Honda Service last week waiting for the repair, I was speaking with another customer, and they told me they have the same issue on a newer Honda vehicle and have replaced their visor a couple of times. Do you have any information on this most annoying problem?

This issue just seems to be a poor design that never gets improved by Honda. Some people have added a "post-style" bolt to squish the fabric part of the visor to the metal rod to tighten up the visor. Some other Honda owners have switched to an aftermarket visor made by Dorman. The issue seems to be up to 2017 models. There are no recalls or technical bulletins from Honda about upgrades. At this point all you can do is replace the visor every few years.

I recently saw one of your co-workers on television talking about brighter headlights and I have to agree these bright lights, just seem too bright. Why did this happen?

It is interesting that many of the people who complain about brighter lights are the one who gain the most from them. As an older driver now, I like a brighter light to drive at night (we need three times as much light to see at 60 years of age as we did at 20 years old). Years back, cars had incandescent bulbs and were later replaced by a brighter halogen bulb. When this happened, there were complaints they were too bright. Halogen bulbs are cheap and soon almost all new and old vehicles ended up with them. By nature, we tend to stare at bright lights that look different from the rest. This is part of the problem; we focus on the bright light, and it takes longer to recover from the glare. When you see bright light (high beams, LEDs) divert your eyes partially to the right until the car passes. The good news is that in the past year or so, headlight standards have been changed to allow a light that is used in Europe. These Matrix lights are very bright but dim automatically and produce no blinding light to oncoming drivers.

I recently looked at a car for sale on Facebook Marketplace and it looked great and almost too good to be

true. After a couple of days, my wife talked me out of it. My question is, how can you tell if something is a good deal or a scam?

A neighbor recently sent me a listing for a 2008 Volkswagen Beetle convertible for just \$1,000. The car was very clean, claimed one owner and didn't have the typical VW convertible issues, such as lose rear window, power rear window issues and worn-out front seats and rusty rockers panels. The ad stated low price for quick sale. Typically, according to Kely Blue Book that car sells for \$5-\$6000, which is the first red flag. I also looked up the seller and the same car was listed on the same day in 20 locations across the country, second red flag and the third issue was the lack of a visible VIN in any pictures. At that point, my best guess was it was a scam.

Since Covid-19 I have been working from home and living in an apartment near where our office is located. Since there is no reason to be in one spot, I recently purchased a 2015 Winnebago Travato class B motor home. It has very low miles and was part of an estate sale. The vehicle has been sitting for 18 months. What should I do before I become part of "Van-Life"?

The Travato is based on the front wheel drive RAM Master line of vehicles and are typically equipped with the 3.6-liter V-6 engine. I would start by checking all the fluids and change the engine oil. Look at the tires, they may be original and have some dry rot, check the drive belts and hoses, cooling system (some had faulty fan modules) as well as the brakes and steering components. If it has a generator, check for proper operation, and change the engine oil. Check or replace the truck battery as well as the "house" battery. Run both the cabin air conditioner as well as the roof top unit. Check all the "house" water lines and pumps, storage tanks for cleanliness, proper operation and leaks. Try the refrigerator and water heater, if dual fuel, try them both on propane and electricity. If everything checks out good or has been repaired, start your adventure, and send pictures.

What is the estimated cost to replace the transmission on a 2014 Infiniti Q50? I was told the car needs a transmission and the price quoted was a bit shocking. I just wanted to make sure I was not being taken advantage of.

Assuming the car is not a hybrid and rear wheel drive, the factory part is \$10,000 with some online Infiniti parts outlets selling it for \$8,800. The labor time to install the transmission is about five hours. Today we are seeing typical labor rates at \$150-\$250 per hour. Add in fluid, miscellaneous parts and shop supplies and the total price could be \$12,000. At that price you need to consider if it is worth the

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money to have the repair performed. There are many Infiniti Q50s selling for less than the cost of the repair. If it were me, I would certainly have an overall evaluation of the car performed to see if there are other pending costly issues and get a second opinion and estimate on the transmission issue.

My 2014 BMW 528i X Drive vibrates when I stop when I leave the car in gear. It stops when I put it in neutral. The dealer says I need to replace the motor mounts. My mechanic says it is not dangerous and replacing one of the mounts may correct the problem. How much should this cost, and should I have both mounts replaced for safety reasons? The car has 95,000 miles on it. What would cause the mounts to need replacement?

Motor mounts can fail due to aggressive driving, oil or other fluid contamination and internal failure. BMW uses liquid filled mounts rather than solid rubber and the liquid can leak out which would cause a vibration. If the mounts are worn, they should be replaced; there are two engine mounts and one transmission mount. The engine mounts are \$140 each and take about 4.5 hours to replace them. Labor rates vary depending on location with the dealers typically being on the higher side. If a local shop is doing the work rather than the dealer, I would only use BMW parts on this car. After market mounts may fit but could cause may cause other weird vibrations.

I read your column every week and enjoy the Q&A. It takes me back to the early 70s when I first owned a car and learned to do some of my own repair work. Those days are gone now for me, but I do have a maintenance question and I have had difficulty finding a straight answer so maybe you can assist me. We have a 2016 Hyundai Elantra SE sedan with the standard engine and 46,000 miles on it which we purchased new in October 2015. It has always been well-maintained according to the manual recommendations. The question is when to replace the timing belt. I see some information saying 90,000 miles but I wonder if the age of the car should be part of the question. I have been quoted a price of \$1,400 which I think includes the water pump. It is a lot of money for us, but I will do it if needed.

You are correct, that age can influence the life of a rubber timing belt. But on your Hyundai both the 1.8-liter and 2.0-liter engines use a timing chain. Typically, if the car is properly maintained (routine oil changes) does not require any maintenance for the life of the car.

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Councillors Begin FY 2025 Budget Review

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The largest item approved by councillors on Monday was long-term debt, which is set to increase from \$51.6 million in FY24 to \$57.55 million in FY25. That budget includes \$4.54 million for principal payments on school projects, \$4.15 million for interest on school projects, \$17.29 million for the payments on the pension obligation bond, \$17.68 million for principal payments on other debt, and \$13.88 million for interest on other debt.

Councillors also approved the budget for short-term debt, for which the city only pays interest. The short-term debt budget is set to rise from \$7.44 million in FY24 to \$8.39 million in FY25.

Eric Mason, the city's director of municipal finance, said debt payments supported by the general fund would represent 7.02 percent of the budget in fiscal year 2025, down from 7.1 percent in the current fiscal year. Some of the debt is paid back through other sources, like the district-improvement financing (DIF) program for improvements in Quincy Center and hotel tax receipts.

Councillors also approved the budget for retirement and pensions, which will increase from \$8.81 million this fiscal year to \$9.14 million in the new fiscal year. Mason said the \$475 million pension obligation bond, which councillors approved in 2021, will save the city \$26 million this year.

"You look around the state and see some of the headlines, some of the struggles that some of the communities are having, which is unfortunate," Mason said. "We have \$26 million less in expenses because of that savings, because we locked in that low interest rate, which means we don't have those challenges that other communities have."

Councillor Noel DiBona said the city's pension payments had been one the largest items in the budget, up there with things like health insurance and the police and fire departments, prior to the approval of the pension obligation bond. The city is benefiting from the bond, he stated.

"I think this was a home run," DiBona said.

Councillors also approved the various budgets that fall under the purview

of City Clerk Nicole Crispo. Those include the clerk's office (\$548,488), elections (\$1.2 million), licensing commission (\$102,000) and census (\$100,000).

Crispo said preparations were underway for the November presidential election, when three quarters of the city's voters could cast ballots.

"We're happy to report, so far, so good," she said. "We have a great team and we put in a ton of effort. It's not just the elections department, but every department throughout the city."

Ward 2 Councillor Richard Ash asked Crispo about the possibility of moving the polling place for Precinct 2 in his ward from the Clifford Marshall School back to 1000 Southern Artery. Crispo said she would love to go back to 1000 Southern Artery, but the building is privately owned. Crispo suggested she could revisit the matter with the owners of the building.

Likewise approved on Monday was the budget for the Municipal Finance Department, which will rise from \$1.93 million to \$2.2 million. Mason said the increase was partially due to the planned use of a new

software, Accrualify, for the digitization of invoices. In addition, the city will now pay for ClearGov, a financial transparency software, and Gravity, a budget building software, out of the general fund. Those two items had been paid for with grant funds that have expired.

Councillor Nina Liang asked if other municipalities use those programs, to see if they had "a track record with sensitive information." Mason said ClearGov is widely used; Gravity is used by the city of Boston and is owned by IGM Technology, a major provider of public sector software; and Accrualify is owned by Corpay, a major issuer of MasterCards.

Other departmental budgets approved on Monday include Legal (\$976,788), Planning (\$1.39 million), Purchasing (\$373,488) and Treasurer/Collector (\$1.35 million).

Councillors also approved the budgets for reserve funds (\$2 million), unemployment compensation (\$100,000), Medicare (\$2.89 million), tax title (\$150,000), worker's compensation (\$1.7 million) and court judgements (\$350,000).

Prior to their review of departmental budgets, the

City Council held a public hearing on the budget.

During that public hearing, Kathy Thrun of Wollaston asked if the 4.5 percent increase in the budget would result in a 4.5 percent increase in property taxes next year. She also asked whether residents would be given the chance to comment on a proposed raise for the mayor; Koch has said he would introduce an ordinance including raises for the mayor and city councillors on May 20.

"A consultant's report has come out, recommending between \$150,000 and \$220,000 increase in the mayor's salary, and I don't know yet if there is also going to be an increase in your salaries for the City Council," Thrun said.

"It wasn't included in this budget, so that means that there is no public hearing, at least right at the moment for that. Will there be a public hearing for that, the mayor's salary increase? That is a substantial amount of money. It will impact the budget."

No member of the city council responded to the question during the hearing.

Eugene Brusin of Quincy Point said people have been leaving the city because of

taxes.

"I've seen on the web, people that have lived in Quincy for years, they're leaving, they can't take the taxes," Brusin said. "Quincy's done wonderful. We've got new fire engines, we've got this, we've got that, but the bill is coming due and the only people that are going to pay it are going to be the homeowners and possibly the businesses."

Councillors planned to continue their review of the budget on Wednesday. On the agenda for that evening were the budgets for the Quincy Police Department, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Buildings, the TPAL Department, and the proposed new Department of Grant Management, among others.

The third budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3. Councillors are slated to review the budget for the Quincy Fire Department, Department of Public Works, the mayor's office and their own budget, among others, that evening. They will also receive a presentation on the Quincy Public Schools budget, though the School Committee, not the City Council, is responsible for setting the school system budget.

QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

Entries submitted by the Quincy Police Department

FRIDAY, MAY 3

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (car damaged), 12:32 p.m., low numbers of Berlin Street. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (two males), 1:02 p.m., Coffee Break Cafe, 12 Old Colony Ave. Dispute over parking. All advised and sent on way.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/ATTEMPT (dwelling), 2:48 p.m., 90 Sumner St. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (windshield), 4:23 p.m., 30 block of Roberts Street. One under arrest, five counts of malicious destruction of property. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (watching male), 4:24 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Store to handle; involved person sent on way in Uber.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 9:25 p.m., 60 block of Hollis Avenue. Report to be filed.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY (active fight), 10:05 p.m., Pilgrim Plaza, 1 Scammell St. Both parties declined EMS. One person sent on way. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (female), 11:38 p.m., 999 Southern Artery. Disturbance with tow truck driver. Peace restored.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

DISORDER (out in the street), 5:12 a.m., 340 block of Highland Avenue. Ten people fighting, no weapons. Peace restored.

SHOPLIFT (male), 8:01 a.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (Titos), 11:18 a.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 132 Granite St. Case number provided. Store to handle.

SHOPLIFT (past), 6:36 p.m., Ocean State Job Lot, 141 Newport Ave. Report to be filed. Suspect info provided.

SHOPLIFT (female), 8:25 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Arrest made for trespassing. Report to be filed.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

SHOPLIFT (past), 4:58 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Trespass notice issued by Loss Prevention Officer. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (past), 6:22 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (refusing to pay), 7:25 p.m., 240 block of

Arlington Street. Disturbance with tow driver. Driver was paid. Peace restored.

MONDAY, MAY 6

SHOPLIFT (just fled), 11:56 a.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Store to handle.

DISORDER (with customer), 12:30 p.m., 60 Franklin St. Peace restored.

SHOPLIFT (commercial), 2:11 p.m., Everest Convenience, 121 Standish Ave. Hold up, panic alarm. Suspect fled with cash. Suspect returned and paid the victim back the money.

DISORDER (youths), 2:42 p.m., Parker School, 148 Billings Rd. Advised of playground etiquette.

LARCENY (planter) 2:56 p.m., Winthrop Park. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (female yelling), 10:27 p.m., 130 block of Edgewater Drive. Intoxicated female yelling and running up and down the street. Female transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

DISORDER (male), 12:27 a.m., CVS Pharmacy/24 Hour, 42 Beale St. Verbal argument. Involved person issued a trespass notice. Advised and sent on the way.

DISORDER (male), 4:16 p.m., Seven Eleven Store, 75 Copeland St. Disorder over a Slurpy. All advised.

LARCENY (wallet), 6:07 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (argument), 6:18 p.m., McDonald's, 473 Southern Artery. Male and female yelling at manager, no known weapons. Delivery order dispute. Two persons escorted out and sent on the way.

DISORDER (two males), 9:44 p.m., Supreme Pantry, 615 Hancock St. Two males are intoxicated, physically fighting. Peace restored. Involved persons advised and sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT, 11:58 p.m., CVS Pharmacy, 24 Hour/42 Beale St. Suspect issued a trespass notice. The items were returned to the store.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (area door), 11:12 a.m., 1515 Hancock St. Report to be filed.

ASSAULT DANGEROUS WEAPON (male), 11:27 a.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. One under arrest for assault by means to wit a knife, assault by means to wit a forklift and threatening to commit a crime. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (two females), 3:54 p.m., Sally's Beauty Barber Supply, 231 Quincy Ave. Items recovered. Female suspects advised and sent on way.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

DISORDER (possible crash), 7:27 a.m., 144 Cope-land St. No vehicle crash. Road rage incident. All involved advised and sent on way.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (smashed windows), 9:10 a.m., Thayer Street. Report filed.

DISORDER (with customer), 9:28 a.m., Jewelers Loan Co., 509 Beale St. Dispute over a watch. Peace restored.

RECOVERED/VEHICLE (scooters), 12:49 p.m., 25 Bigelow St. Scooters recovered and towed by Bearde's Towing.

LARCENY (money), 1:02 p.m., North Quincy High School, 318 Hancock St. Cash missing from athletic office. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (dwelling), 2:09 p.m., low numbers of Centre Street. Report filed.

SHOPLIFT (just fled), 3:03 p.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 132 Granite St. Suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Store to handle.

DISORDER (7-8 people fighting), 5:02 p.m., 15 Des-Moines Rd. Youths names collected and will be passed on to School Resource Officer. One juvenile transported home, spoke to parents. Other youths sent on the way. Peace restored.

SHOPLIFT, 6:38 p.m., Ocean State Job Lot, 141 Newport Ave. Suspect gone on arrival. Case number provided and report will be filed.

DISORDER (road rage), 7:41 p.m., Squanton Road and Victoria Road. Road rage incident. All parties denied any services. Advised. Clear.

LARCENY (package), 10:02 p.m., 70 Walnut St. Serviced.

Court Rules Against City In Adams Academy Case

By SCOTT JACKSON

In the latest entry in the long-running dispute over the ownership of the Adams Academy, an appellate court affirmed a lower court's ruling that a trust fund established by John Adams, and not the city, was the owner of the land on which the historic building is located.

The city, which took the Adams Academy property by eminent domain in 2021, may wind up paying more to the trust as a result of the ruling.

A panel of the Massachusetts Appeals Court on April 30 ruled that the Adams Temple and School Fund, which John Adams established in 1822, was the rightful owner of the Adams Academy building and the property on which the building is located prior to the eminent domain taking. The city claimed it owned the land, though not the building itself. The Appeals Court, however, said Quincy's claim was precluded because the ownership of the property had been decided in an earlier ruling in the dispute between the trust and city.

"If viewed as an original matter, the city's claim that it held title of the Adams Academy property prior to the taking would not be without some force. The two 1822 deeds executed less than a month apart do indeed utilize quite different language, thereby providing

some support for an argument that a different form of ownership was intended," Associate Justice James Milkey wrote in the court's decision.

"At a minimum, it is not immediately clear why the grantor here (Adams) — among the most storied legal draftsmen in Massachusetts history — chose different language in the two deeds. This is not to say that the interpretation of the second 1822 deed that the city now offers necessarily would have prevailed had the city timely raised it. In the end, we need not resolve that debate, because we agree with the Superior Court judge that it is too late for the city to assert that President Adams did not transfer the Adams Academy property into the Adams Fund."

While it ruled against the city, the court declined the trustee's request for attorney's fees. Though it called the city's arguments "relatively weak," the court said the issue "lies embedded within a dispute of historic complexity." The court also noted it was the trustee, not the city, who filed the complaint relative to the ownership of the property.

The court's ruling only resolved the ownership of the Adams Academy land prior to the city's 2021 taking of the property. It did not address how much the city would owe the trust for the property. The City Council

in 2021 had set aside \$2.3 million for the property, and the trustee has the ability to seek additional compensation.

Stephanie Perini-Hegarty, the board chair for The Woodward School, the beneficiary of the trust fund, said the school was grateful for the court's ruling and was hopeful the two sides could resolve the matter.

"Woodward is now celebrating its 130th year and relies on the Trust to continue its mission of providing an exceptional educational program for girls in the community," Perini-Hegarty said in a statement. "Woodward is proud of its historic ties to the Adams Family and the City of Quincy and looks forward to final resolution of this matter, to use the words of the Appeals Court, 'with the public-spiritedness that [President John Adams] long exemplified.'"

In an interview, Mayor Thomas Koch called the case a "money grab" by The Woodward School.

"I haven't read the decision, but I just think it continues to be a money grab by Woodward School," Koch said. "I often say to people that John Adams never mentioned Woodward School in his will. It was something the city of Quincy, city fathers back in the 1940s made the decision in consultation with the Adams Temple Fund who included the Adams family at the

time to shift the dividends to help The Woodward School, because they were in deep trouble at the time. They were going to close as I understand it."

"Over the years, the decisions that were made by the trust, the Adams family members were part of those votes and part of those decisions. So, to continue to take this down this road I think is purely a money grab."

"But we're taking the building by eminent domain, as we already have done. So now it will be a decision whether there is an appeal made or whether there is any final negotiation on whatever the final number would be."

Moving forward, Koch said the Adams Academy would continue to serve as the home of the Quincy Historical Society.

"By the way," he added, "Quincy Historical Society was co-founded by one of the Adamses, and the Adamses were part of the decision putting the historical society in the Adams Academy,

which was obviously built with money left in the will from John Adams."

When it voted to take the Adams Academy, which is located at 8 Adams St., by eminent domain, the City Council also took the neighboring property 24-28 Adams St. for \$6.7 million. That property was acquired to provide the future home of the planned Adams Presidential Center.

"We bought some land next to [the Adams Academy] and we're looking at whether we're going to need more land down the street on Adams Street," Koch said when asked about the presidential center. "The funeral home and then that brick office building, those are the two parcels we already bought."

The proposed amendment to the Urban Revitalization and Development Plan for Quincy Center, now pending before the City Council, identifies three additional properties on Adams Street for potential acquisition related to the

Adams Presidential Center. They include 36 Adams St., home to Adams Street Dermatology, 40 Adams St., home to Planet Fitness, and the parking lot at 45 Adams St. Those businesses remain open.

Koch said even if the city did not take those properties, they would likely be redeveloped at some point.

"Whether the city took them for the Adams center or the city didn't take them at all, I've got to believe at some point a developer is going to make an offer that the owners of Planet Fitness — the property; the original family that owned the Buick [dealership] continue to own the property — so my guess is at some point the developer comes in with the right number, the family is going to sell the property and Planet Fitness will have to find another location," Koch said.

"If you look around the world, look around Quincy Center, that's going to happen at some point."

ArtsFest At The QArts Gallery

Open now through June 16th is the Annual ArtsFest featuring entries totalling 162 works by 68 local artists. Art includes sculpture, photography, drawing, mixed media, collage, printmaking, and paintings in acrylic and oils.

New awards this year are the Marilyn Reisberg Award for mixed media, and the Peoples Choice Award to be revealed at the end of the exhibition. The list of award recipients is available at quincyartma.org.

An awards presenta-

tion and reception is set for Sunday, May 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the QArts Gallery, 1229 Hancock St., Quincy Center. The public is invited. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. All works on display are available for sale.

The QArts Gallery Gift Shop offers one-of-a-kind, hand-made jewelry, ceramics, note cards, original art, matted prints and other items by Quincy Art Association's talented vendor members. Information on classes and art demonstrations are avail-

able on the Quincy Art Association website.

Gallery Hours: Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Pop-up hours may occur Thursday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. depending on volunteer availability. The QArts Gallery is managed and operated by volunteer members of the Quincy Art Association.

For more information about the gallery, classes, events, and other news, visit www.quincyartma.org or email info@quincyartma.org.

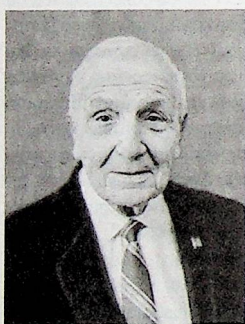
Marcello A. 'Marchie' Peretti

Marcello A. "Marchie" Peretti, age 92, a longtime resident of Braintree, died peacefully, Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Marcello was born in Amandola, Province of Fermo, Region of Marche, Italy, to the late Felice M. and Maria (Brasili) Peretti. He immigrated to the United States as a young child with his late mother in 1934. First settling in Quincy, where he was educated and was a graduate of Quincy High School, Class of 1949, he later attended art school. He lived in Braintree for nearly 60 years.

Marchie was proud to have served as a Corporal in the United States Army during the Korean conflict. He was involved in communications and mastered the art of Morse Code. He received the DEC, the Army of Occupation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He was a proud member of the IUEC Local 4 Boston from which he retired in 1992 an Honorary Member. He primarily worked for Otis Elevator Company for over thirty years as a Maintenance Mechanic. Some of his early accomplishments with the Union also included being an E Board member and making the picture illustrations for the NEIEP training books, of which he was very proud.



MARCELLO A. PERETTI

They still use his logo that he drew over 50 years ago. He enjoyed his last 30 years of retirement with his wife, Mary, socializing, golfing, traveling, and most of all, being with family.

As a young man, Marchie volunteered and was involved in East Braintree Little League for several years. He then developed a love for golf and became an avid golfer for more than sixty years.

Marchie was a social person and longtime active member of the Adams Heights Men's Club, the Torre dei Passeri Social Club, both in Quincy, and the Marchegiana Society, where he made many lasting friendships.

Most of all, Marchie was devoted to his family, especially his cherished grandchildren and great grandchildren, supporting all their many activities and accomplishments.

Beloved husband for sixty-eight years of the late Mary A. (Re) Peretti.

Devoted father of Anne Marie MacDonough and her husband Kenneth of Sherborn, Mark F. Peretti and his wife Leslie Dougherty of Bourne, Michael W. Peretti and his wife Susan of Forest Hill, Md., James A. Peretti and his wife Terri, Robert J. Peretti and his wife Kimberly, all of North Easton.

Loving grandfather of eleven and great grandfather of five.

Dear brother of the late Angelo J. "Gus" Peretti. Marchie is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Sacred Heart Church, 72 Washington St., Weymouth, on Wednesday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours will be held at the Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Ave., East Milton, on Tuesday, May 21, from 4 - 7 p.m. Interment, with military honors, at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

For those who wish, donations in Marcello's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

To leave the Peretti's a condolence message, please visit www.dolanfuneral.com.

Robert James "Bobby" Craig QFD, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and esteemed Quincy firefighter, passed away peacefully at his home on May 12, 2024.

Born in Quincy, Massachusetts, Bobby was a lifelong Hough's Neck resident (Necka), whose dedication to his family, career, and community left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

As a devoted family man, Bobby's happiest moments were those spent with his large family. Devoted husband of Pamela (Voislow) Craig. Devoted father of Robert J. Craig, Jr. and his wife Vicki of Tennessee, Kevin T. Craig of Quincy MA, Shawn S. Craig and his wife Kimberly of Quincy MA, and Jeffrey M. Craig of Quincy MA. Loving grandfather of Brendan, Lauren, Kyle, Carly, the late Robert J. Craig, II (Bo), Casey, Jacob, Taylor and Kyle, and great-grandfather of Cameron, Ella, Carson, Lennon, Adriana, Marie and Kinsley. Predeceased by his sister Gail (Cobb) Craig, Bobby leaves behind his brothers Steven and Jeffrey and many



ROBERT J. CRAIG

nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Bobby was a proud Quincy firefighter, serving bravely among his brothers in the QFD. While he was not saving the public as a firefighter, he served as a court officer out of Dedham Superior Court.

Bobby loved Hough's Neck, proudly declaring it God's Country and happy to tell everyone how special it is. Sitting at HIS SEAT at Off the Hook (aka Louis), Bobby would greet everyone by name as they walked in. If he didn't know them, he would within minutes. Bobby's friendly smile and courageous spirit were well-known in the community. He possessed a unique abil-

ity to make every person he met feel special. Bobby's love for the ocean was profound, as evidenced by his dedicated involvement with the Quincy Yacht Club where he remained a lifetime member. His unwavering support for his children was evident in the countless sporting games he attended, never missing a chance to cheer them on, come rain or shine.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Friday, May 17th, from 3-7 p.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. A funeral service will be celebrated on Saturday, May 18th at 10 a.m. in Hough's Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Avenue, Quincy MA. Interment to follow at Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy. Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bobby's name to the Hough's Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Avenue, Quincy, MA 02169.

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Mayor's Salary Raise: If Not Now, When?

Dear Editor:

I had to check my calendar the other day to make sure the mayoral election was past. I keep reading the same apocalyptic campaign rhetoric aimed at Mayor Koch. The newest briar bush is the issue of the Mayor's pay raise and a consultant's recommendation to City Council. For now, we'll forget that mayoral salary is less than 1% of the City budget.

One opponent has gone apoplectic, sarcastically offering the Mayor credit for not taking a pay raise since 2015, while criticizing him for not putting into past City budgets the raises she now

opposes. Another acknowledges that the Mayor has foregone raises but claims that this is not the time for him to receive one. Ok, if not now, when?

My calculations and review of salaries paid to mayors and town managers around the Commonwealth put competitive pay not terribly below the consultants' recommended range. I could cover at length the physical and quality of life improvements Quincy has experienced under the Mayor's leadership. I could again refer homeowners to their property tax histories the last 16 years vs. the 16 before them. But why bother, it's pointless with Koch de-

tractors. There's no satisfying these people.

Rare have been their compliments or thanks directed to our City departments like Police, Public Works, Natural Resources, Planning, Records, Constituent Services. Oh, but there's grousing and negativity aplenty.

I commend the Quincy Sun for printing everyone's views, mine included. Yet, some of acidic criticisms of the City, the Council or the Mayor should contain the disclaimer: the opinion expressed herein may contain personal animus unrelated to the issue.

Thomas C. O'Brien
Quincy

Forbes Hill Park: A Worthwhile Investment

To the Editor:

The Forbes Hill Park has been a gathering place for the neighborhood for the 50 years I have lived here and quite likely before that time. The park is home to a water tower, built between 1899 and 1902. The water tower is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. It is a happy place typically filled with adults, children and dogs.

The neighborhood has fought hard and well to prevent the park from being turned into a parking lot for the Furnace Brook Golf Course. The interest in the park has continued as demonstrated by a well-attended

public meeting on April 30th. During that meeting a conceptual design was presented by the Horsley Witten Group. That presentation was thoughtful and well-done; it respected the neighborhood's desires and concerns. Maria Mulligan, who has led this effort and started the Friends of Forbes Hill, has done a great job of advocating for the neighborhood and the park. We all owe her our gratitude.

Quincy is putting a substantial investment into the adjacent Furnace Brook Golf Course. While the golf course is a very nice amenity—it will not be used by most of the people living in

the neighborhood. That is unlike the Forbes Hill Park, which sees a large number of neighborhood adults, children, and dogs. Thus, I encourage Quincy to realize the dream of the park presented last week. I would also encourage the City to retain the Horsley Witten Group.

I should note that I constantly encourage Quincy to exercise fiscal responsibility, but I see this as a worthwhile investment. Perhaps the cost of some of the proposed amenities for the golf course could be diverted to the park?

Kathy Thrun
Wollaston

Tale Of Two Cities: A Fiscal Perspective

Dear Editor,

Soon voters in Braintree will once again be at a crossroads, faced with the decision to either raise taxes beyond the statutory state limit or reduce essential municipal services, including teaching staff. This recurring financial challenge in Braintree, occurring for the second time in four years, underscores significant differences in fiscal health and management strategies across our towns.

Over the past decade, the contrasting approaches to development between Braintree and Quincy have steered them down different fiscal paths. As a former attorney for builders in Braintree and a City Council member in Quincy, I have personally observed

the differing attitudes toward growth in these communities. Quincy, under the leadership of Mayor Koch, has embraced new development, balancing growth with community impact to allow for investment in our schools, parks, and city services. This proactive stance has yielded substantial fiscal benefits without compromising the city's quality of life.

In contrast, Braintree's resistance to new projects has become a significant factor leading to its recurring budget crises. Despite this, the outcomes in terms of traffic congestion, neighborhood character, rodent proliferation, and overall quality of life remain remarkably similar in both communities. The crucial

difference lies in financial stability and the capacity to enhance public infrastructure and municipal services.

Quincy's success can be attributed to the concerted efforts of our City leaders, Planning Department, Zoning Board of Appeals, Inspectional Services, and Planning Board, who have effectively collaborated with stakeholders to encourage growth while mitigating its impacts.

On June 15th, as Braintree votes on its fiscal future, Quincy residents will enjoy the benefits of our city's foresight and leadership. It will be just another Saturday in Quincy, but a pivotal moment for our neighbors.

Regards,

Brian Palmucci
former Quincy
City Councillor

SWMS Musical A Wonderful Production

I have just returned from South West Middle School's production of their Spring Musical. The production was wonderful as was the entire cast and crew. In these days when families are so concerned about their children's social and emotional well-being, it was such a pleasure to see the South West students work so cooperatively to put on this production.

From reading their biographies in the Playbill, it was clear the students came from

a variety of backgrounds. Several English Language Learners and students from the CARES program played significant roles in the production and all did a terrific job. It was so gratifying to see how well this cast from so many backgrounds came together with creativity and teamwork to put on a great show.

Also of note was the principal, Ms. Mitchell, announcing at the start of the program, her gratitude to all the teachers who were in at-

tendance on a Friday night. It is clear to see that Ms. Mitchell and her staff truly care about their students and want them to be successful. Additionally, the students in the audience were well-behaved and supportive of their friends in the production.

Thank you for such an uplifting night. Kudos to all the South West students, staff, and families.

Linda Monaco
Quincy

Time For A Ceasefire Now; Group Wants Council To Support Resolution

Dear Editor of the Quincy Sun,

As a member and organizer with Quincy for a Free Palestine, I've been frustrated by our city council's unwillingness to follow the lead of Medford, Somerville, Cambridge, and Boston to endorse a Ceasefire in Gaza Resolution. Although a few of the councilors have shown some interest, there seems to be a general reluctance by our city representatives to view Israel's eight month siege of Gaza—which has led to massive destruction and the murder of over 35,000 civilians (more than 15,000 of whom are children)—as something that is within their locus of concern because it is not happening right here in Quincy.

But what they fail to realize is that this is happening right here in Quincy because people in Quincy care and because our tax money is helping to fund a genocide, which is something that we should all be opposing. Although some people don't like to see the word "genocide" used in relation to Israel's actions, I'm using it because the International Court of Justice found there was plausibility in South Africa's charge of genocide against Israel back in January and ordered Israel to work to prevent it, and many genocide scholars also agree that what is happening in Gaza fits the definition.

Like me, many members of our community are devastated and outraged to know that our government is complicit in allowing this genocide to continue by providing military funding and weapons to Israel with our tax money. When we stand out for a ceasefire in City Hall Plaza on Saturday mornings, people often thank us for being there and for trying to get a ceasefire resolution through the city council. I've even seen people break into tears when talking about all the children

who have been killed or traumatized in Gaza. People in our community are deeply impacted by watching a genocide our government is funding and supporting unfold for over seven months, with no end in sight.

We also have residents with Palestinian, Arab, and/or Muslim identities in our Quincy community who have direct connections to what is going on. Some people in our city have lost dozens or even hundreds of relatives in the Gaza genocide. Some also have family members who are there and who they are constantly worrying about, and others feel a deep concern based on shared culture. These members of our community are also experiencing increased racism and discrimination as a result of the way the media and politicians portray Israel as justifiably "defending itself against militant terrorists." Too many Americans have bought into the racist stereotype that Palestinians, Arabs, and Muslims are "terrorists." Biased reporting and political propaganda denying that this is a genocide and blaming it all on the victims are adding fuel to this.

And as to the claim of Israel's "self-defense against militant terrorists," I often wonder how bombing families and children; shooting people trying to get food; destroying hospitals, libraries, universities, and mosques; killing journalists, doctors, professors, and aid workers; starving entire populations; arresting, humiliating, and torturing civilians; and displacing people over and over again is "self-defense"? All of that sounds more like "state terrorism" to me.

We are now at a very dangerous stage in this genocide where most of the remaining population in Gaza is trapped inside Rafah with nowhere to go. Israel is currently bombing civilians there, and settlers

and the Israeli military are blocking humanitarian aid from getting in. Netanyahu's threats of a land invasion continue unabated, and although Biden has said he will stop shipments of some weapons if Israel insists on a land invasion that may result in "too many" civilian casualties, weapons are still available to Israel, and it is still killing, starving, maiming, displacing, and terrorizing civilians every day in Rafah, the rest of Gaza, and the West Bank.

So, why a city council ceasefire resolution? There is a state and national movement for city councils and town representatives to call on the federal administration to demand a ceasefire now and to completely stop supplying military funding and weapons to Israel. Over 100 cities and towns in the US have already endorsed ceasefire resolutions, with more joining every week. This is a grassroots, bottom-up demand for the federal administration to work to stop this genocide. Without US political support, military funding, and weapons, the genocide can hopefully be stopped before it's too late. If enough cities and towns speak up through these resolutions, it increases the pressure, and it also puts the cities and towns who endorse them solidly on the right side of history and humanity.

There has already been way too much death, suffering, and destruction. It's time for a CEASEFIRE NOW!

Please reach out to your city councillor if you would like to see them sponsor and support a ceasefire resolution, and reach out to us via email at quincyforafree-palestine@gmail.com for more information or to get involved.

Sue Doherty
Quincy
Member and organizer,
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Bethany Congregational Church will hold its annual Yard Sale and Craft Fair Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine)

at the church, 18 Spear St., Quincy.

The event will feature yard sale tables as well as more than 20 vendors, inside

and outside. Lots of books, and plenty of unique items. Clothes galore, all sizes, including baby clothes and accessories.

Gardening Helps Grow Healthy, Happy Kids

By MELINDA MYERS

Gardeners know and research is proving that gardening, even viewing a garden, as well as spending time in nature is good for the mind, body, and spirit. It improves strength and flexibility, lowers blood pressure, and elevates our moods.

This is also true for the youngsters in our lives. Recent studies found that school-aged children who participate in outdoor activities have better vision than those who spend most of their time indoors. Children who engage in nature and gardening are more focused, score better on exams, and are less likely to develop or exhibit symptoms of ADHD. And kids who play outside and get a bit dirty also have stronger immune systems.

Help get the kids in your life involved in gardening. There are a variety of ways to get youngsters involved no matter how much space or time you have.

Consider giving each

child their own garden space or a container garden to design, plant, and tend. Containers are a great option when planting space and time are limited. And just about anything can be grown in a pot. An old 5-gallon bucket or washtub with holes drilled into the bottom, recycled nursery pots, or a colorful raised planter make great gardens.

Provide them with some kid-sized tools and equipment. The tools' smaller scale will be easier for them to handle and having their own tools that match yours makes gardening even more special. Consider investing in a set of kids' gardening tools including hand tools, long-handled tools, and even a wheelbarrow like those at Corona Tools USA (coronatools.com).

Keep in mind the goal is for kids to have fun and develop an interest in gardening. You may need to bite your tongue when their combinations are rather unique, or plants are spaced

improperly. Provide some guidance but be prepared to let them experiment and learn from their failures as well as successes.

Kids like to water even at an early age. The biggest challenge is getting the water to the plant but that will come with time, practice, and a few water-soaked outfits. Your efforts will be rewarded when your child takes over watering your container gardens.

You may notice kids often find bugs and worms more interesting than plants. Use this as a gateway into gardening. Get kids involved in worm composting or hunting for earthworms in the compost pile. They will have fun on the worm hunt while helping you turn your compost pile.

Use the "Pluck, Drop and Stomp" method to manage garden pests. Point out the bad guys and the damage they do. Be sure they know to watch for the good guys and leave them be to help the garden grow. Then have

the children pluck the bad bugs off the plant, drop them to the ground, and stomp on them. This eco-friendly pest management strategy also burns some of that excess energy.

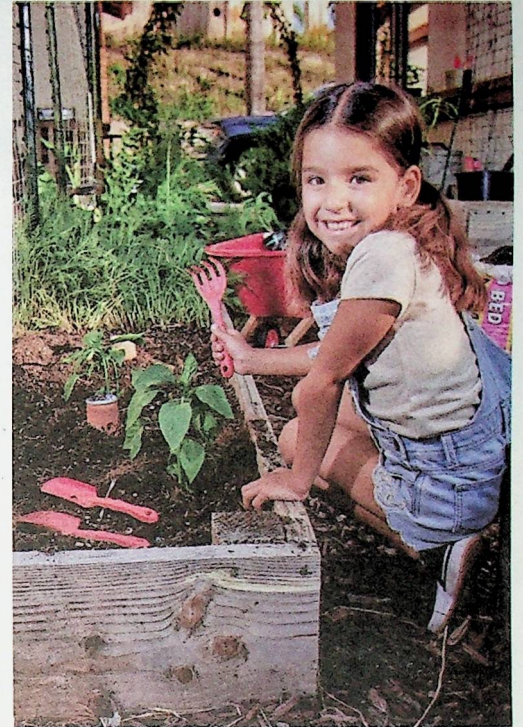
Include lots of color in the garden and containers. Michigan State University surveyed kids before creating their children's garden. They found kids were much more excited and likely to participate when a garden is filled with color.

And as the flowers are maturing and your family is overrun with vegetables, consider sharing the harvest and a few bouquets of flowers. Giving helps children grow into caring, well-rounded adults. And food pantries in your community are always in need of fresh produce. Most of the food-insecure people in our communities are kids and seniors who greatly benefit from fresh nutritious vegetables.

Be sure to end the growing season with a harvest party. Use your homegrown produce to prepare a picnic or fancy dinner for family and friends. Then use some of those beautiful flowers you grew to decorate the table.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the

nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise in writing this article. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



RESEARCH HAS shown that gardening and spending time in nature is beneficial to kids, including but not limited to better vision, increased focus, and a stronger immune system.

Photo courtesy of Corona Tools

14th Annual Plant.Grow.Share. Events

Free Container Garden Workshops Aim To Address Rising Food Insecurity Issues On The South Shore

As food insecurity continues to impact South Shore communities, Keohane Funeral Home, in collaboration with Interfaith Social Services, Weymouth Food Pantry, and The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, announce Plant.Grow.Share. — a series of free container garden workshops aimed at empowering local residents with the skills and resources needed to grow their own produce.

Now in its 14th year, South Shore residents are then encouraged to donate a portion of their garden bounty to local food banks, which are in constant need of fresh produce.

The workshops will offer novice growers an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of container gardening, from seed to fruition, over these 45-to-60-minute sessions. Led by esteemed local farmer Jon Belber of Friends of Holly Hill Farm, participants will gain insights into the cultivation of kale, this year's featured container vegetable seedling provided by Keohane.

The events aim to revolutionize perceptions of kale, showcasing its versatility through engaging activities such as kale chip tasting sessions. Kale was chosen because of its nutritional value and usefulness, as well as being a very reliable plant to grow in this region.

RSVPs are required by email at events@keohane.com.

com or phone: 1-800-KEOHANE (800-536-4263). Workshops are free to attend at the following locations:

- Thursday, May 23 at 6 p.m., Hingham Library.
- Wednesday, May 29 at 1 p.m., Kennedy Senior Center, Quincy.

For Keohane, the initiative represents a commitment to community welfare.

"It just goes along with being a good community partner," says John Keohane. "We've been big fans of Interfaith and Weymouth Food Pantry for many, many years. They both do amaz-

ing work, and to have Jon there to teach people a skill is just amazing to witness."

Each participant will walk away from the workshop with a complete seedling ready to grow, a small but impactful step towards empowering local community self-sufficiency. This initiative helps both Weymouth Food Pantry and Interfaith Social Services amplify their efforts to provide fresh, nutritious food to those in need.

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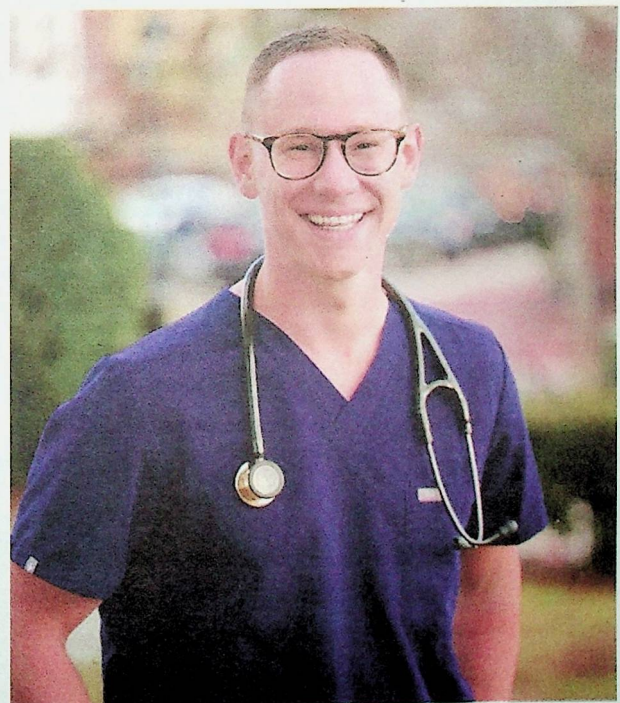
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School Board Members Raise Concerns Over Council Vote

By SCOTT JACKSON

Members of the School Committee voiced their concerns after city councilors gave initial approval to an ordinance that would create a new school holiday.

The City Council's ordinance committee on May 6 voted 9-0 in favor of approving an ordinance that would create a new school holiday on Lunar New Year. The ordinance requires a final vote from the City

Council, which could come as soon as May 20.

At a meeting of the School Committee two days later, Tina Cahill, the school board's vice chairperson, made a motion "to seek independent legal counsel and, if necessary, funding to request an opinion on the Quincy City Council's vote on May 6." She made the motion during the additional business section of the agenda, saying the item

"could not be reasonably anticipated prior to tonight's meeting."

Before the school board could consider the motion, Mayor Thomas Koch said the body could not vote on the item as it did not appear on the agenda for the meeting. It would be a violation of the Open Meeting Law to vote on it, he said.

Cahill in response said she would put the item on the agenda for the next

school board meeting, which is scheduled for May 22.

Following her comments, school board members Paul Bregoli and Emily Lebo expressed concerns about the council's vote.

"I think it was a violation for the City Council to do what they did, frankly. I think they're out of order," Bregoli said.

"I think that this is going to have repercussions across the state. I talked to colleagues in other school committees and they are appalled with what happened and what could happen," Lebo said. "This has big implications."

In a statement on May 9, Cahill said her motion "was intended to provide a distinction between the two elected bodies and their legally defined responsibilities."

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"The motion I was proposing concerns a Quincy City Council vote that took place on May 6. The motion intends to ask for approval to seek independent legal counsel and, if necessary, funding to request an opinion on the Quincy City Council's authority to vote on or override any official School Committee business as stated in the city charter," Cahill said in an email.

"I respect the City Council and the work they have been elected to do, and I do believe they respect due process. The City Council and the Mayor have been incredibly generous in supporting the QPS budget. In collaboration with the School Committee, our efforts have resulted in QPS being one of the best in the state, for which we should all be in-

credibly proud. However, this motion was intended to provide a distinction between the two elected bodies and their legally defined responsibilities. It's essential to both elected bodies that we protect the integrity of the office we were elected to represent."

Koch, who is the chairperson of the School Committee, previously told The Sun he was in support of the council's move to make Lunar New Year a school holiday.

"I think the City Council has every right to weigh in on this issue," Koch said on May 6 following the City Council meeting. "The City Council over the years has been very good to the schools, the school budgets and projects. They are speaking their wishes known and I think we as a School Committee should respond to that."

Councillor Nina Liang, who co-sponsored the ordinance with four of her colleagues, had said the council was able to create the new holiday.

"I just want to be really clear that this isn't us legislating the entirety of the school calendar. That's something that's not within our purview," Liang said during the May 6 meeting. "We're simply focusing on the recognition of one holiday, having schools closed for that day, and that is something we can do and are able to accomplish with this."

The School Committee in April voted 4-2 to approve a calendar for the 2024-25 school year that keeps schools open on Lunar New Year. Koch and committee member Courtney Perdios voted against the calendar because it did not include a day off for Lunar New Year. Cahill was not in attendance for that meeting.

Pentecost Sunday At QP Church

The public is welcome to worship Sunday, May 19, to celebrate Pentecost Sunday at Quincy Point Congregational Church.

Gather at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary located at 444 Washington Street. During this special service, there will be a baptism ceremony.

After worship, join in the lower-level Social Hall for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. The church will also be hosting a Pentecost craft session where you can style or decorate pre-made wind chimes.

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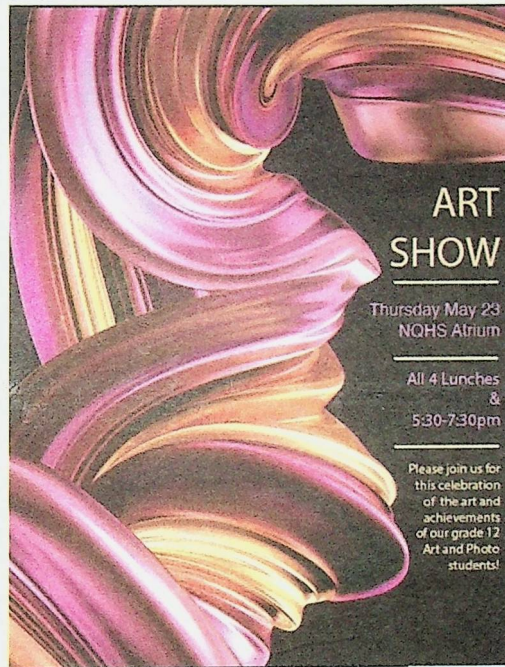
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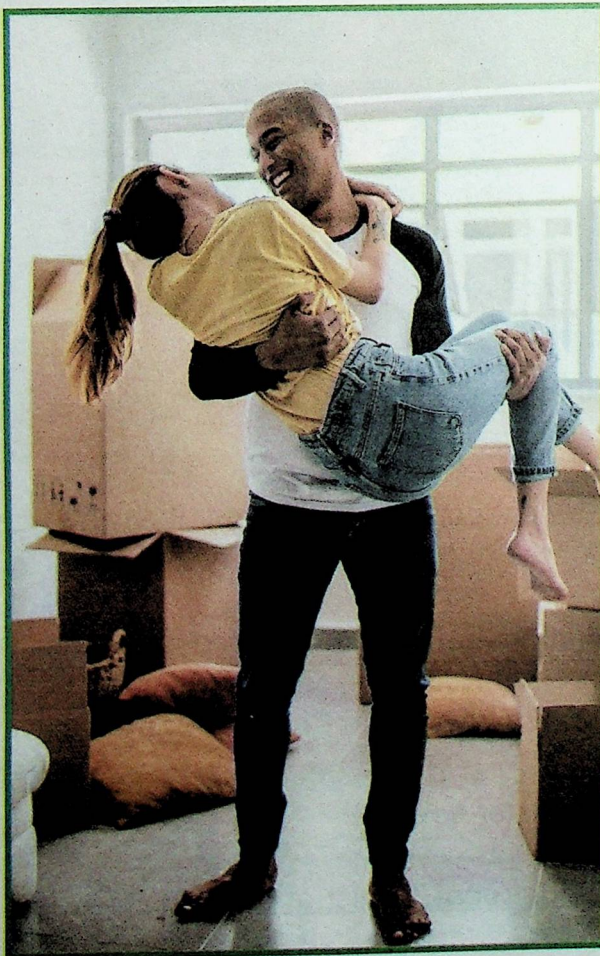


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UNITED STATES FLAG (center) and other flags fly above the Veterans' Section at Mount Wollaston Cemetery. Flags from left to right represent the U.S. Army, Marines, Navy, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, United States, City of Quincy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Space Force.
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Monument To Honor Veterans Of Persian Gulf, Subsequent Conflicts

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piece is the archway gate, which is going to sit—I don't know if you've been down there, but when you're driving in, that new wall there up at the top when you drive in and you pass through it, sitting on top of that granite wall will be the new archway for the cemetery," he said.

"It will be setup roughly where the other one was. It will be uplit. It's going to be a piece of art. It's being fabricated and we're waiting on a delivery date. I thought it was going to be April, now they're telling me they're not going to meet that. I'm hoping Memorial Day but I don't know for sure."

The monument, which

honors those who served in the Persian Gulf War and in subsequent conflicts, will be dedicated Saturday, Nov. 9, Koch said. The monument will bear the names of the seven Quincy residents who died during their service during that time period, he stated.

"The other piece is... Nov. 9, a Saturday, we will be dedicating the newest monument in Mount Wollaston—it's not in there yet; it's being fabricated—that is to the veterans of the Persian Gulf, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan, War on Terror, so that whole era. The last monument that was put in there was the Vietnam era," Koch said.

"There will be seven

names on it...and then of course we want to honor all of those who served during those wars and time periods. Much like the Generals Park, we're going to be reaching out to the public asking people to call in if they've served during this time period, get their name on the committee, their name, their branch, their rank. Then that will give us a list, a base list, that we can invite them to things.

"My guess is we'll probably do some kind of a short parade marching them all into the cemetery on the ninth. Both General McConville and General Dunford will be the co-chairs and be the co-speakers that day. That was their time as well."

Koch said it is time for the city to honor those who have served in the military in recent years.

"The history of Vietnam and those guys coming home was so tragic and disgraceful really, but I think Quincy has done a good job making up for that over the years," he said. "The O'Connells with the Vietnam monument [at Marina Bay], the Vietnam monument at Mount Wollaston, all the squares we did with Larry Norton and that whole crew and Tom Bolinder, so I think the city of Quincy has done a pretty good job in healing that generation. Now it's time for us to thank that next crew."

Koch said the monument would be made out of granite, with a bronze inset depicting a soldier and marine holding a flag. The monument will include two quotes, one from Dunford, the retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from Quincy, and the other from Ronald Reagan. The names of the seven service members will be on the obverse of the monument.

The city moved its annual Memorial Day observance to the Hancock-Adams



MEMORIAL DEDICATED to citizens of Quincy who were killed during the Vietnam War is among the monuments that are dedicated to local veterans in Mount Wollaston Cemetery. The city will dedicate a new monument in memory of those lost in the Persian Gulf War and subsequent conflicts in November at the cemetery.

Common last year while the work was underway at Mount Wollaston Cemetery. Koch said this year's observance would be held at Mount Wollaston Cemetery, regardless of whether or not the archway is in place.

And, while the city plans to dedicate the new monument on Nov. 9, the annual Veterans Day parade and observance will take place two days later on Nov. 11 as

usual. The observance will take place at Merrymount Park, where it has been held in recent years.



THIS MONUMENT at Mount Wollaston Cemetery honors George F. Bryan, the first Quincy resident killed in World War I. Bryan served aboard the USS Jacob Jones, a destroyer built for the U.S. Navy prior to the American entry into World War I. On Dec. 6, 1917, traveling from Brest, France to Queenstown, Ireland, she was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. This was the first ever United States destroyer sunk by enemy action. Jacob Jones sank in eight minutes without issuing a distress call, taking over 60 officers and men down with her. Bryan, a Seaman Second Class, and his shipmates were lost at sea.

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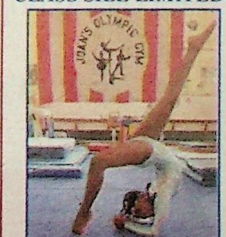
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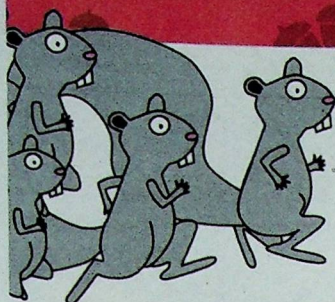
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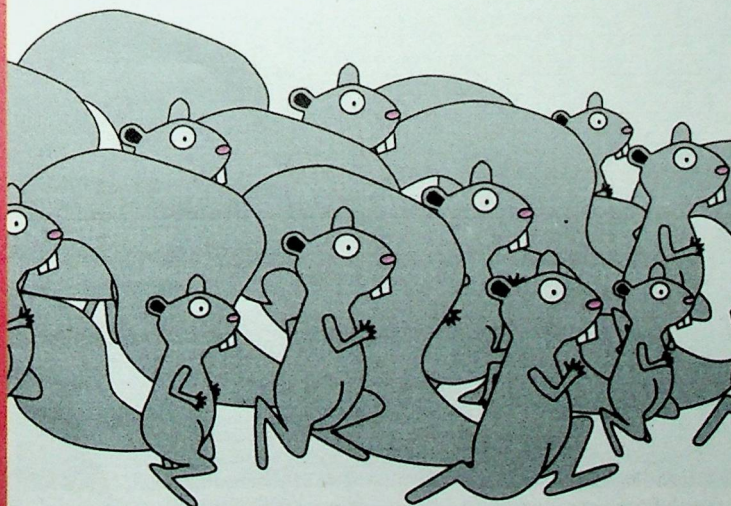
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North Quincy Boys' Volleyball Defeats Quincy

By TOM JOYCE

The North Quincy High boys' volleyball team got the better of its in-city rival

last week.

The Raiders visited the Quincy Presidents May 8 and picked up a 3-1 win.

The Raiders improved to 8-7 on the season; the Presidents fell to 4-10.

The first set was highly

competitive throughout, but the Raiders pulled ahead. The set was tied at 22 apiece, then 23 apiece.

Anthony Chiu had a kill for the Raiders, giving the team a 23-22 edge. However, Gabriel Gentil had a hit for the Presidents that the Raiders couldn't return, tying things at 23. From there, however, the Raiders took the next two points -- and the set. Ben Walinjom gave the Raiders a one-point lead with a spike. Then, Raymond Lin served up an ace, giving the Raiders the set, 25-23.

a 6-0 that gave themselves a 15-9 lead. The two sides split the next 20 points, so the Raiders won the set 25-19.

Cameron Johnston shined during this 6-0 run for the Raiders, getting three kills, while Chiu had a kill and a block. Additionally, Chiu had the set point for the Raiders, getting the kill that ended the set, putting them up 25-19.

Additionally, the Raiders also won the final set 25-19 and excelled at the beginning and in the middle of the set. The Raiders started with a 4-0 run; Johnston had two kills, Chiu added another, plus Jerry Chen had a block. Then, while leading 13-11, the team had a 4-0 run that gave it a 17-11 edge.

The Presidents regrouped after losing the first set and took the second one by a six-point margin. Leading by a point, 14-13, after committing a serving error, the Presidents expanded their lead with a 4-0 run. During the run, Adam Bonica had a kill, the Raiders committed a hitting error, Gentil tapped the ball over the net for a point, and Bonica had a thunderous spike, good for his second kill of the run. With that point, the Presidents led 18-13.

From there, the two sides were evenly matched, with each taking six of the next 12 points. The Raiders were unable to make a comeback in this set, and Bonica blocked an opposing hit, helping the Presidents win the set 25-19.

The third set was similar to the second one in that one team broke ahead in the middle of the set and never relinquished its lead. However, in this instance, that team was the Raiders.

With the set tied at nine apiece, the Raiders went on

The Raiders got two points thanks to a serving error and a hitting error from the Presidents. Plus, a block from Justin Liu and Eugene Foong and a kill from Walinjom put the Raiders up by six. The Presidents were unable to make a comeback in the set. The Raiders eventually won it 25-19 on a kill from Walinjom.

The match was the second time these two teams played one another this season. They also had a match on April 10; the Raiders won it 3-1.

The Presidents will host New Bedford Friday, May 17. Start time is 5:15 p.m.

The Raiders will visit Barnstable Thursday, May 16. Start time is 5:15 p.m.

Quincy/North Quincy Spring Track Highlights

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Salma	Bouktham	F	12	1 Mile	5:24.1	1
Charlotte	McConville	F	12	1 Mile	7:18.4	3
Marlette	Kouassi	F	11	100m	14.5	
Mikayla	Gooden	F	9	100m	14.7	
Livia	Fanthin	F	9	100m	15.0	
Lakshiga	Periyasamy	F	9	100m	15.7	
Anna	Kuang	F	10	100m	16.0	
Chloe	Guia	F	9	100m	16.0	
Aaraya	Gray	F	11	100m	16.1	
Chloe	O'Neill	F	9	100m	16.2	
Sophia	Zheng	F	10	100m	16.5	
Chris	Romeo	F	9	100m	16.6	
Milan	Le	F	11	100m	16.9	
Brenda	Zheng	F	9	100m	17.0	
Luniva	Shrestha	F	10	100m	17.6	
Sprite	McGonagle	F	11	100m	17.7	
Esther	Lee	F	10	100m	17.7	
Vivian	Pan	F	9	100m	18.3	
Vanessa	Su	F	11	100m	18.4	
Hannah	Moriarty	F	11	100mHurdle	17.0	2
Sophia	Edwards	F	10	100mHurdle	17.7	3
Joyce	Lukelo	F	11	100mHurdle	18.4	
Ada	Cote	F	9	2 Miles	13:07.1	2
Caroline	Zulfante	F	9	2 Miles	13:19.0	3
Sofija	Slezas	F	12	200m	26.9	1
Piper	Henderson	F	12	200m	30.8	
Alexandra	Guia	F	11	200m	32.6	
Mikayla	Gooden	F	9	200m	33.4	
Chloe	Guia	F	9	200m	34.4	
Maddy	McGillicuddy	F	10	400m	1:00.5	1
Sofija	Slezas	F	12	400m	1:06.7	2
Hannah	Moriarty	F	11	400mHurdle	1:12.8	1
Aluna	Coogan-Coyne	F	12	800m	2:21.8	1
Amelija	Slezas	F	10	800m	2:38.2	2
Layla	Belfaid	F	11	800m	3:10.1	
Jomana	Kmail	F	11	800m	3:40.7	
Brooklyn	Rizzo	F	12	DT	100'10"	1
Mikailah	Aubrey	F	11	DT	66'04"	
Bassma	Torky	F	11	DT	75'01"	3
Grace	McGough	F	12	DT	78'05"	2
Mollie	Smith-Gaeta	F	12	HJ	4'06"	3
Alyssa	Hopps	F	11	HJ	4'10"	2
Abby	SaintVill	F	11	JT	46'09"	
Piper	Henderson	F	12	JT	54'09"	
Victoria	Berry	F	12	JT	63'07"	
Maddy	McGillicuddy	F	10	JT	72'11"	2
Aaraya	Gray	F	11	JT	73'02"	3
Brooklyn	Rizzo	F	12	JT	84'03"	1
Joyce	Lukelo	F	11	LJ	13'02.5"	
Kathy	Duong	F	12	LJ	13'09.5"	2
Sophia	Edwards	F	10	LJ	15'02"	1
Jessica	Binene	F	11	SP	17'06"	
Abigail	SaintVill	F	11	SP	19'03.5"	
Rachel	Zhao	F	10	SP	22'11"	
Genesis	Anderson	F	11	SP	24'02"	
Mikailah	Aubrey	F	11	SP	24'07"	
Grace	McGough	F	12	SP	25'02"	3
Bassma	Torky	F	11	SP	31'05.5"	1
Kathy	Duong	F	12	TJ	29'01"	
Joyce	Lukelo	F	11	TJ	29'02.5"	3
Sophia	Edwards	F	10	TJ	32'04.5"	2
Kyle	Clements	M	12	1 Mile	5:18.9	1
Wilson	Chen	M	9	1 Mile	5:33.0	2
Jayden	Zhong	M	9	1 Mile	5:37.7	
Warrik	Quon	M	9	1 Mile	5:40.5	
Tyler	Sharkey	M	9	1 Mile	5:44.9	
Saksham	Nagmonti	M	9	1 Mile	6:07.5	
Andrew	Perkins	M	9	1 Mile	6:39.4	
Mamadou	Diallo	M	11	100m	11.0	1
Marquis	Rodriguez-Smith	M	11	100m	11.2	2
Gabriel	Rodriguez	M	12	100m	11.5	
Jayden	Francois	M	11	100m	11.6	
Zhenyu	Liang	M	11	100m	11.8	
Adrian	Pena	M	11	100m	11.8	
Nicholas	DuPuis	M	9	100m	11.8	
Gavin	Brown	M	9	100m	12.1	
Thomas	Chan	M	11	100m	12.2	
Jonas	Ala	M	9	100m	12.3	
Eddy	Liu	M	12	100m	12.6	
Jordan	Leathers	M	11	100m	12.6	

Results Vs. Hanover May 1: Boys Won, 86-55 Girls Won, 89-51

William	Li	M	11	100m	12.7	
Vincent	Lin	M	10	100m	12.9	
Tedsen	Pierre	M	10	100m	12.9	
Sunny	Wang	M	10	100m	12.9	
Richard	Pan	M	11	100m	13.1	
Ethan	Wong	M	10	100m	13.1	
Matt	Cerone	M	9	100m	13.1	
Jacquens	Gedeon	M	11	100m	13.2	
Andy	Li	M	10	100m	13.2	
Cyrus	Lin	M	10	100m	13.2	
Jiancong(Jacks on)	Lin	M	11	100m	13.4	
Luka	Albuquerque	M	10	100m	13.4	
David	Jushaji	M	9	100m	13.5	
Johnson	Yu	M	10	100m	13.6	
Alex	Zhao	M	10	100m	13.6	
Daniel	Setow	M	10	100m	13.8	
Markel	Noti	M	10	100m	13.9	
Justin	Nguyen	M	10	100m	14.3	
Alexander	Schaareman	M	10	100m	14.3	
Evan	Lin	M	10	100m	14.7	
Brendan	Chen	M	10	100m	14.9	
Adrian	Pena	M	11	110mHurdles	19.5	3
Jonathan	Cole	M	9	110mHurdles	21.6	
Kyle	Clements	M	12	2 Miles	11:31.9	2
Liam	Murphy	M	11	2 Miles	12:02.4	3
Jayden	Francois	M	11	200m	22.3	1
Mamadou	Diallo	M	11	200m	22.6	2
John	Gnakou	M	10	200m	23.1	3
Adrian	Pena	M	11	200m	24.1	
Nate	Allen	M	10	200m	24.5	
Nicholas	DuPuis	M	9	200m	24.5	
Giovanni	Faulder	M	10	200m	24.9	
Sunny	Wang	M	11	200m	26.0	
Miguel	Lemay	M	10	200m	31.8	
Trevor	Mangino	M	12	400m	58.6	2
Carter	Bishop	M	9	400m	59.8	3
Jonathan	Cole	M	9	400mHurdles	1:20.0	2
Ryan	Aitsaid	M	12	800m	2:10.6	1
Jayden	Anderson	M	9	800m	2:17.9	2
David	Schmidt	M	11	800m	2:18.3	
Alden	Belfort	M	9	800m	2:20.9	
Patrick	Lee	M	12	800m	2:22.2	
Jakub	Wilson	M	9	800m	2:33.6	
Arpon	Chowdhury	M	9	800m	2:47.7	
Gabriel	Rodriguez	M	12	DT	146'03"	1
Shawn	Pierre	M	9	DT	64'10"	
Wellington	Castillo	M	9	DT	69'11"	
Jack	Coughlin	M	9	DT	75'04"	
Tedsen	Pierre	M	10	DT	80'09"	
CJ	Young	M	11	DT	82'06"	3
Lukin	Nims	M	9	HJ	5'00"	
Nate	Allen	M	10	HJ	5'02"	
Eddy	Liu	M	12	JT	100'10"	
Jonas	Ala	M	9	JT	106'04"	3
Kevin	Heim	M	12	JT	118'11"	1
Ben	Le	M	11	JT	57'03"	
Cyrus	Lin	M	11	JT	65'04"	
Alexander	Schramm	M	11	JT	69'05"	
Nick	Cheung	M	11	JT	73'04"	
Stanley	Liu	M	11	JT	86'05"	
Adrian	Pena	M	11	LJ	14'08"	
Sunny	Wang	M	11	LJ	16'05"	
Mamadou	Diallo	M	11	LJ	18'02"	3
Jayden	Francois	M	11	LJ	20'04.5"	1
Shawn	Pierre	M	9	SP	26'00"	
Jack	Coughlin	M	9	SP	27'05"	
Wellington	Castillo	M	9	SP	31'01.5"	
CJ	Young	M	11	SP	32'06"	
William	Lanergan	M	12	SP	34'07"	3
Tedsen	Pierre	M	10	SP	34'11"	2
Gabriel	Rodriguez	M	12	SP	42'02.5"	1
Jayden	Francois	M	11	TJ	40'03"	1

More QNQ Track Results

First	Last	Gender	Event	Perf	Place
MSTCA Freshman-Sophomore Championship @ Weymouth 5/4/24					
John	Gnakou	M	100m	11.99	24
Nick	DuPuis	M	100m	12.13	33
Gavin	Brown	M	100m	12.22	38
Sophia	Edwards	F	100m Hurdle	17.21	7
Sophia	Edwards	F	Triple Jump	32'10"	4
Giovanni	Faulder	M	200m	25.07	34
Maddy	McGillicuddy	F	400m	1:01.40	3
Eliza	Henry	F	400m Hurdle	1:15.93	7
Jayden	Anderson	M	800m	2:18.04	35
Amelija	Slezas	F	800m	2:39.75	22
Nathan	Allen	M	High Jump	5'04"	18
Jonas	Ala	M	Javelin	97'02"	25
Tedsen	Pierre	M	Shotput	33'01.5"	31
Rachel	Zhao	F	Shotput	25'11.5"	15
Eliza	Henry	F	Triple Jump	28'03.5"	22
Gavin Brown, Nick DuPuis	Giovanni Faulder, John Gnakou	M	4 x 100m Relay	46.53	8
Sophia Edwards, Ada Cote	Amelija Slezas, Maddy McGillicuddy	F	4 x 400m Relay	4:28.45	6

Round Ball Basketball Camp

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Kevin Barrett:

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- South Shore Youth Basketball Coach
- Member - Quincy High Hall of Fame
- Elementary Teacher - Quincy & Milton Public Schools

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MSTCA DIV 2 Relays North Andover 4/26/2024

MSJCA Div 2 Relays North Andover 4/20/2024						
Event	Athlete#1	Athlete#2	Athlete#3	Athlete#4	Performance	Place
Boys 4 x 100mA	Marques Rodriguez-Smith	John Gnakou	Jayden Francois	Mamadou Diallo	44.30	6
Boys 4 x 100mB	Gavin Brown	Nick DuPuis	Adrian Pena	Jonas Ala	47.29	20
Boys 4 x 200m	Marques Rodriguez-Smith	John Gnakou	Jayden Francois	Mamadou Diallo	1:34.72	6
Boys 4 x 800	Ryan Aitsaid	Jayden Anderson	David Schmidt	Patrick Lee	9:13.94	14
Shotput	Tedsen Pierre	Will Lanergah	Wellington Castillo		96'09"	20
Girls Shuttle Hurdle	Sophia Edwards	Joyce Lukelo	Hannah Moriarty	Eliza Henry	1:11.15	4
Girls Sprint Medley	Sofija Slezas	Maddy McGillicuddy	Aluna Coogan-Coyne	Salma Boukhtam	4:26.59	3
Girls Shotput	Bassma Torky	Grace McGough	Rachel Zhao		86'09.75"	9
Girls Discus	Bassma Torky	Grace McGough	Brooklynn Rizzo		26'105"	3
Girls Javelin	Sophia Edwards	Victoria Berry	Brooklynn Rizzo		225'10"	9

QNQ Boys' Lacrosse Tops Cardinal Spellman, 17-10

By TOM JOYCE

When your team's offense explodes late in a competitive game, that's usually a good sign.

It was for the Quincy/North Quincy High boys' lacrosse team last week.

After an evenly-matched effort that lasted for nearly three-and-a-half quarters, QNQ's offense had its best performance yet in the fourth quarter, firing off eight straight goals to defeat Cardinal Spellman 17-10 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium May 10. With the win, QNQ improved to 5-8 on the season.

The first half was a low-scoring affair, with eight total goals between the two teams. QNQ shined in the first quarter, outscoring its opponent 4-1. However, Cardinal Spellman was the better team in the second frame, blanking QNQ 3-0; the game was tied 4-4 at halftime.

Cardinal Spellman struck first in this one, netting a goal with 9:21 left in the first quarter. However, from there, QNQ had a 4-0 run that gave it an early lead. Mike Galligan scored the team's first goal of the game with 8:01 left in the first; he took a sidearm shot on the run to score the goal. Additionally, the team shined late, scoring three goals in the final three minutes of the first. Teddy Lynch picked up a loose ball and scored on a power play with 2:49 left in the first. About a minute later, Connor Zynda added another goal for QNQ off a pass from Lynch. Plus, Pat Connor got a goal on the run with 1:10 left in the first.

After that, Cardinal Spellman tied the game 4-4 in the second. The team first scored in the second quarter



NORTH QUINCY senior Mike Galligan scores his team's first goal in Quincy-North Quincy's 17-10 win over Cardinal Spellman May 10 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth

on a power play with 5:59 remaining. It added another goal 45 seconds later. And with 1:01 left in the first half, Cardinal Spellman tied the game.

The second half had much more offense.

Each side scored four goals in the third quarter, so the game was tied 8-8 going into the fourth.

Zynda, Lynch, Connor, and TJ Manton scored goals for QNQ in the third quarter; Lynch's goal came when QNQ had a two-man advantage with 8:52 left in the quarter. It looked like QNQ may enter the fourth quarter with the lead, as they were up 8-7 late in the third. Yet, Cardinal Spellman scored with 2.9 seconds left in the third, tying the game back up.

The start of the fourth quarter was also highly competitive before QNQ started dominating.

Cardinal Spellman scored two of the first three goals in the first four minutes of the fourth quarter.

This gave the team a 10-9 edge; Nate Sampson also scored for QNQ during this stretch.

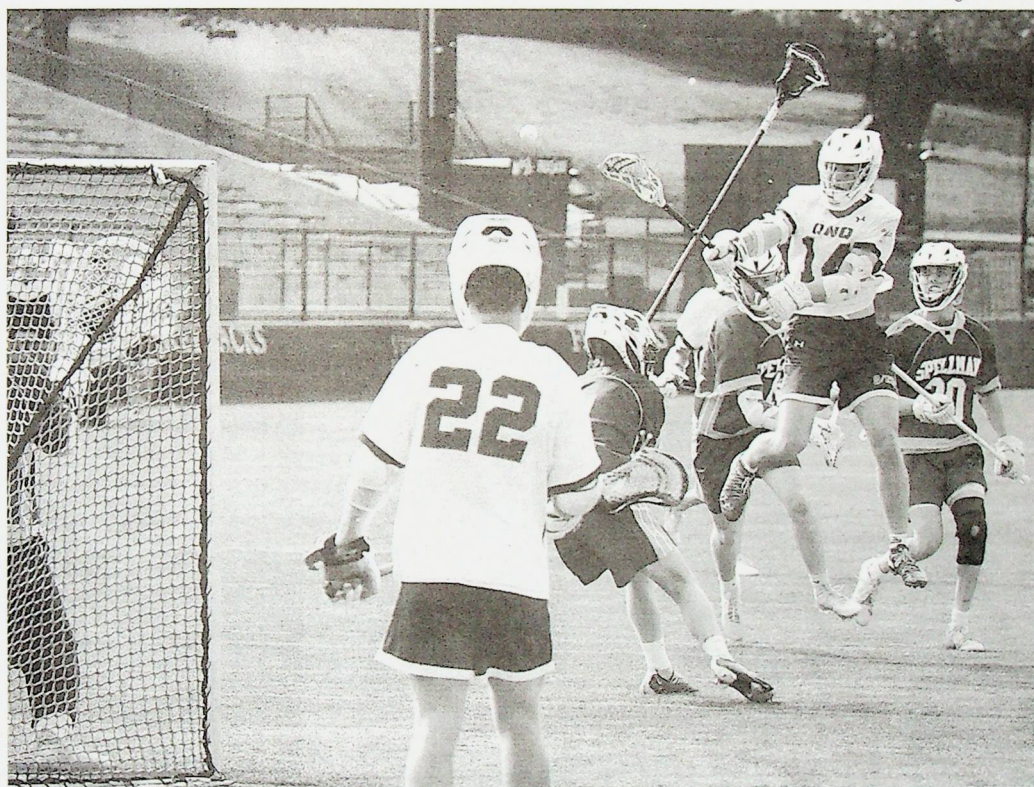
After that, however, it was a one-sided affair of QNQ dominance.

Lynch tied the game at

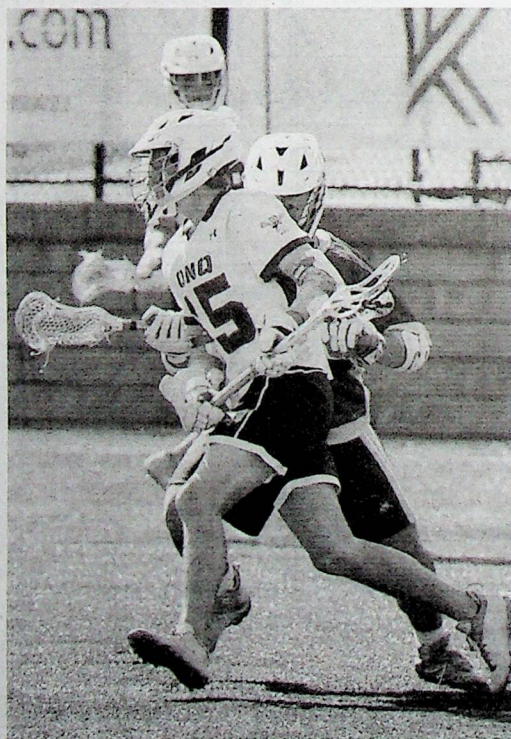
10 with a goal on the run with 7:01 left in the game.

After that, Manton scored

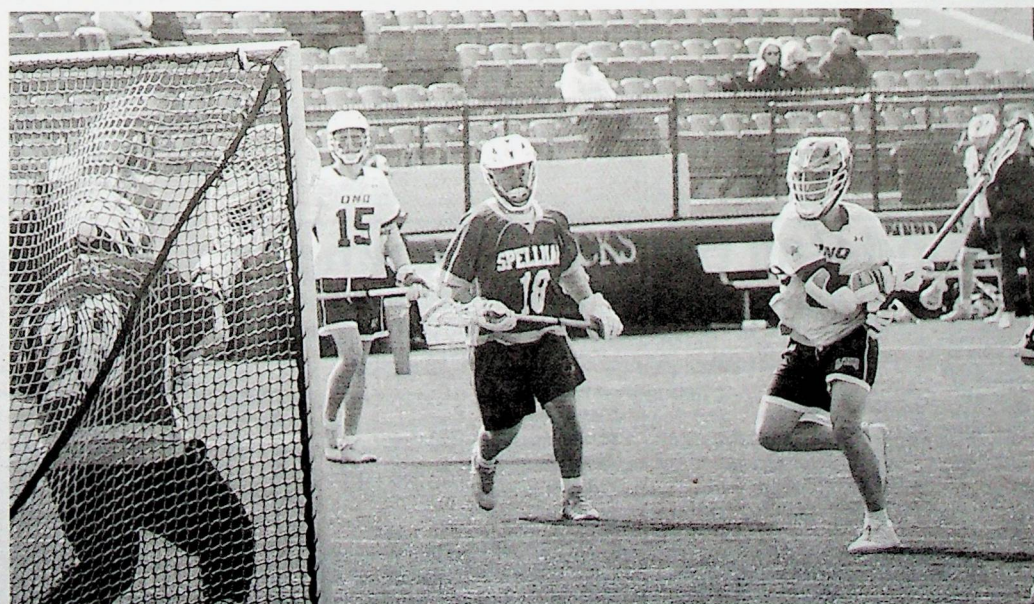
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CONNOR ZYNDA, a senior at North Quincy High School, goes airborne to score a goal against Cardinal Spellman.



QUINCY SENIOR TJ MANTON carries for Quincy-North Quincy in boys' lacrosse action against Cardinal Spellman. Manton was among the QNQ goal scorers in a 17-10 win.



PAT CONNOR, freshman at North Quincy High School, watches as his shot finds the back of the net in Quincy-North Quincy's 17-10 victory over Cardinal Spellman in boys' lacrosse May 10 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium.

QNNQ Boys' Lacrosse Tops Cardinal Spellman, 17-10

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the go-ahead goal one minute later -- and he and his teammates added insurance goals. Just 20 seconds later, Lynch scored again, giving QNNQ a two-goal lead, 12-10. Manton scored again with 5:04 left in the quarter. Then, just eight seconds later, Gavin O'Hare added to that lead. He scooped up the loose ball around midfield, sprinted down the field, and his shot was good for a goal.

As QNNQ kept playing strong defense, the team kept adding to its lead. It added three goals in the final two minutes; Connor and Lynch scored with 1:44 and 1:28 left, respectively. The team also added one more goal in the final minute, making it a 17-10 win.

It marked the second time that QNNQ played -- and beat -- Cardinal Spellman this season. The teams also played each other on April 6; QNNQ won that game 17-3.

QNNQ has some experience on its side this season, with 10 seniors on its roster.

The roster for QNNQ this season includes: senior Josh



QUINCY SOPHOMORE goalie Brayden O'Connell is ready to make a save against Cardinal Spellman in Quincy-North Quincy's 17-10 win May 10 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium.

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Cannon, freshman Matt Fratolillo, senior captain Teddy Lynch, freshman Pat Connor, freshman Ryan Sampson, senior Liam Foley, junior Timmy Long, senior

Kevin Gray, freshman Gavin O'Hare, senior captain Connor Zynda, senior TJ Manton, junior Mike Galligan, sophomore Mike Cavic-

chi, junior captain William Codner, senior captain Jesse Hansen, freshman Blake Nelson, freshman Dante Marinilli, sophomore Roan

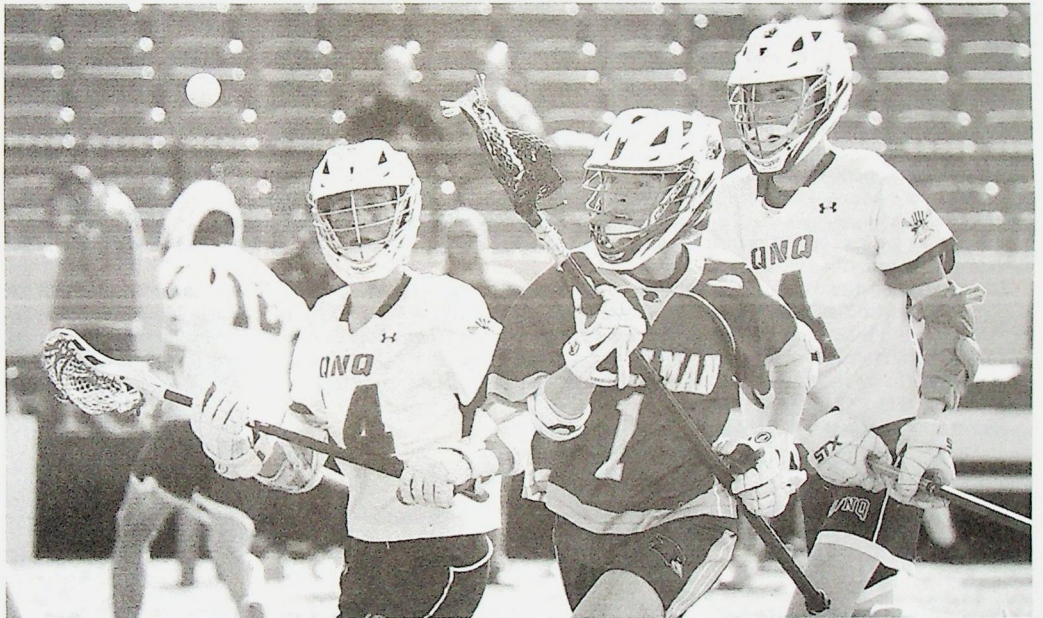
Perry, freshman Joey Bassil, sophomore Jacoby Quinn, senior Nate Sampson, sophomore Brayden O'Connell, senior Max Melchin, junior

Oliver Levine, and senior Charlie McGrail. Scott Devlin is the team's head coach.

QNNQ visits Hull Saturday at noon.



NORTH QUINCY senior Charlie McGrail keeps possession as he looks to make a play against Cardinal Spellman.



QUINCY-NORTH QUINCY'S Teddy Lynch (left) and Connor Zynda (right) pursue a loose ball against Cardinal Spellman.

North Quincy Downs Silver Lake In Baseball, 5-3

By TOM JOYCE

A well-rounded effort propelled the North Quincy High baseball team last week.

The Raiders hosted the Silver Lake Lakers at Adams Field May 9. The team got hits, made some plays in the field, and got a strong pitching performance from its starter en route to a 5-3 win. The Raiders (5-11) bowed Brockton 3-2 on May 10.

The scoring action was spread out in the game against the Lakers who led at various points in the game.

Silver Lake first led in the top of the first inning. The team blasted a triple and knocked the runner in on a sacrifice fly, taking a 1-0 lead.

However, the Raiders responded with a run of their

own in the bottom of the first.

The bases were loaded with one out when Charlie Baker singled to drive in the Raiders' first run of the game. Aidan Bridges, Ben Hudach, and Tim Toland were all on base when Baker stepped up to the plate. However, after that, Silver Lake escaped the inning; the team got an out at home plate on a fielder's choice to prevent a run from scoring and struck out a batter to end the frame.

An inning later, the Raiders took a 2-1 lead. Ryan Wirtz knocked in Matthew Toland on a two-out RBI single, but that lead wouldn't last long.

While starting pitcher Aidan Bridges, who tossed a complete game and earned the win, threw a clean second inning, he gave up a

run in the top of the third. A walk loaded the bases with one out, and Silver Lake scored a run on a sacrifice fly to left field. This tied the game at 2-2. With two outs, Silver Lake flew out to left field again, ending the frame.

Charlie Ambroult walked in the bottom of the third, advancing Baker to second base, but Silver Lake recorded a couple of outs to end the third inning. An inning later, after Bridges threw a clean inning, the Raiders had a runner reach base on a walk. However, Silver Lake turned a double play to squander the threat; the Silver Lake right fielder made a catch and then threw the ball to first base for another out.

Silver Lake eventually took a 3-2 lead in the top of the fifth on an RBI single

to left field. However, the Raiders tied the game back up at three in the bottom of the inning. Tim Toland legged out an infield single, Baker doubled, and Max Lamonica drove in the game-tying run on a sacrifice hit.

Silver Lake had an opportunity to take the lead in the top of the sixth, but the Raiders prevented it from happening.

An infield error with no outs on a bunt loaded the bases. Yet, Silver Lake was unable to score. Ambroult turned an unassisted double play, making a catch at third base before diving to the bag to get the baserunner who was on third out. After that, a flyout to center field ended the inning.

Instead of Silver Lake taking the lead in the sixth, the Raiders did.

With Collin McGrail and

Wirtz on base, Max Gaudiano blasted a deep RBI double into the outfield. Plus, Tim Toland had a sacrifice fly to center field, adding another run. These two runs put the Raiders up 5-3 going into the top of the seventh.

Silver Lake threatened again in the top of the seventh, but its comeback attempt came up short. The team loaded the bases with one out in the inning on a single up the middle. However, from there, Bridges secured the win. He struck out a batter and then forced a popout to the first baseman to end the game.

The Raiders have some experience on their side this season, with 10 seniors on the roster. The roster for the Raiders this season includes: senior Charlie Maki, sophomore Ryan Wirtz, se-

nior captain Aidan Bridges, senior captain Will Conley, junior Sean Szilva, junior captain Max Gaudiano, senior Joseph Lencki, senior Paul Glynn, senior Ben Hudach, junior Aidan McCarthy, senior Dan Hudach, junior Matthew Toland, sophomore Tim Toland, senior Michael Campbell, senior Charlie Baker, junior Collin McGrail, freshman Max Lamonica, freshman Nick Ambroult, junior Shea Winters, junior captain Nick DePalma, senior captain Charlie Ambroult, and sophomore Ronan Brown. Matt Edgerly is the team's head coach.

The next game for the Raiders will take place on Thursday, May 16, against the Hanover Hawks at 4 p.m. at Adams Field in Quincy.

USACE: Practice Water Safety

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- **Alcohol and water are a deadly combination** – Alcohol induces an inner ear condition (caloric labyrinthitis) that can cause you to become disoriented when underwater and not realize which way is up. If you jump or fall in the water, you can become disoriented and swim down instead of up to safety, causing you to drown. This is more likely to happen if you have been consuming alcohol.
- **Understand "boater's hypnosis"** – It is a condition brought on by the effects of sun, wind, noise, vibration,

and motion experienced during a day of boating. Boater's hypnosis can slow your reaction time almost as much as if you were legally intoxicated. Adding alcohol to this condition intensifies the effects.

- **Be Aware of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning While Boating** - Carbon monoxide poisoning is not limited to boats with enclosed cabins. It has proven to be deadly on open motorboats too. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless toxic gas produced when a carbon-based fuel burns, such as gasoline, propane,

charcoal, and oil. Carbon monoxide can kill you while you are on or in the water near a boat, so use a marine carbon monoxide detector; always maintain fresh air circulation; seat children in the forward-most seating on a boat; shut off boat motors to avoid unnecessary idling; be aware of emissions from other boats; and seek medical attention immediately if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

- **Watch Your Children** – Constantly supervise your children whenever they're in, on, or near open water. Always keep them within

arm's reach. To keep them safe keep yourself safe by ensuring you and they wear properly fitted life jackets whenever enjoying your favorite outdoor water recreational activity.

- **Air Temperature and Water Temperature are not the same** – The water temperature in rivers and lakes can be significantly colder than the air temperature and jumping or falling into cold water can be a dangerous shock to your body, so it's important to wear a properly fitted life jacket to increase your chances of survival.

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INVITATION TO BID:

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT and RE-INSULATION @ MONTCLAIR SCHOOL AND ATHERTON HOUGH SCHOOL

LOCATION:

MONTCLAIR SCHOOL, 8 Belmont Street, Quincy, MA

ATHERTON HOUGH SCHOOL, 1804 Sea Street, Quincy, MA

BID DEADLINE:

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024 @ 12:45 PM.

Bids will be received at: QUINCY CITY HALL - Purchasing Department, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169. At the time above they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late bids will not be accepted and/or will be deemed non-responsive.

Sealed bid in envelope should be plainly marked: **"Bid for Asbestos Abatement and Re-Insulation at the Montclair School and Atherton Hough School"**

The work includes: Removal and disposal of asbestos containing materials and re-insulation as called out in the specifications.

A strongly advised non-mandatory Pre-bid site visit will be Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 2:00 PM starting at the Montclair School located at 8 Belmont Street, Quincy, MA and then on to Atherton Hough School located at 1804 Sea Street, Quincy, MA.

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov after May 1, 2024. **Questions will be accepted until May 24, 2024, at 1:00 PM.**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the Bid in the form of a Bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149, § 29, the Contractor shall furnish a performance bond in an amount of 100% of the total Contract price and a payment bond in an amount of 100% of the total Contract price from a surety company qualified to do business under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and satisfactory to the City or furnished and materials used or employed therein, when the Contract is executed.

The bidding and award of this Contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, §26 to 27H, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations when applicable in relation to Minority Business Enterprise, Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Work Force, Equal Employment Opportunity, and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, §26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates.

The City of Quincy reserves the right to waive informalities, to reject any and all bids and to award the Contract in the best interest of the City of Quincy.

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ASBESTOS ABATEMENT/RE-INSULATION @ SNUG HARBOR SCHOOL and MERRYMOUNT SCHOOL

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SNUG HARBOR SCHOOL, 333 Palmer Street, Quincy, MA

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READERS FORUM

Friends Of Forbes Hill Park Remarks At April 30 Community Meeting

(The remarks below were given by Friends of Forbes Hill Park at the Community Meeting that took place on April 30, 2024 regarding the Forbes Hill Park Concept Master Plan. They were submitted to The Quincy Sun for publication).

By way of introduction, I am Maria Mulligan, one of the co-founders of Friends of Forbes Hill Park with David Potter, Jeanne Owens and Ryan and Sarah Edwards. We, along with over 150 neighbors, advocate to preserve and to restore the open and green space at Forbes Hill Park, forever!

We would like to thank all of you for coming out tonight and offering your thoughts. Your expertise offers the City a unique untapped resource to affect better outcomes. It is astonishing to think that we all met at this park just 2 short years ago. A community was born. Friendships for life. That is the secret power of this park. Amazing grass and trees will do!

Before we close out this evening, I would like to highlight the contributions of a few folks who have been instrumental in imagining certain features of the concept master plan.

First, let's recognize David Potter. I met David just a few years ago when we both took to the park during the pandemic. During that time, he took it upon himself to take on the colossal task of cleaning the forest buffer. Every morning as the sun broke the horizon, you could find David busy as a beaver cutting the bittersweet and poison ivy vines and releasing their grip on the century old trees. This simple action of selflessness taught us a great lesson.

Our forests need our attention and immediate care!

Let's play that lesson forward starting today and advocate for the City to create a Forest Wellness Plan to address all of our urban forests, many of which are being overtaken by invasive species.

Second, let's recognize the City engineers, Paul, Joe, Mark, Mike, Dan and 'Murph' who put up with my technical integration, especially with regards to storm water mitigation! All in the spirit to suss out the best solutions to a very complex puzzle.

Third, let's recognize Hannah and Brian of Horsely Witten Group, landscape architects engaged by the City to design the concept master plan for the park. From them, we learned that the fields will need reshaping to direct the surface water flow to designated drain points, that succession planting and thickening of the forest edges will extend the life of the forest and that circulation via accessible pathways to link the new park entrances to the recreational features will enhance inclusion and functionality. All of which are essential to renovating this park. Those pathways will really help another friend of mine that I met at the park whose name is Paul. Paul has a slight mobility issue in one of his legs but that doesn't stop him from visiting the park every day with his 2 dogs, Jake and Riley. It is a place of respite for him, and we enjoy his wit and company.

It is important to note that these concepts were sourced by the community. Bottom-up! The inclusion of these features in the concept master plan will make this park magnificent and worthy of the magnificent tower that anchors it!

But magnificence doesn't just happen. The concept master plan is not yet executable in its current form. Rather, it is a template that requires design development and funding before a shovel goes into the ground.

There is more work to do... pathways and surface grading to be designed, estimates to be developed, materials to be selected, plantings to be planned, equipment to be procured. In short, a comprehensive landscape plan is needed to knit these pieces together so that they are coordinated with each other biddable and constructible to achieve the magnificence that we seek.

Therefore, we respectfully ask the City to consider extending design services of Horsely Witten Group to refine the design. We also ask that the City fund this project! Remember, only \$350K from a CPC grant has been allocated to the park renovations so far. More funding will be needed to make it a reality. The Forbes Hill and Wollaston Hill community deserve this investment into their community!

Maria Mulligan, David Potter,
Jeanne Owens, Ryan and Sarah Edwards
Friends of Forbes Hill Park

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Quincy Cleaner, Greener Thanks To Volunteers



MICHELLE OUTAR was among the several hundred volunteers who participated in the 35th annual Cleaner, Greener Quincy city-wide clean up May 4. Here Outar spreads mulch in planting beds at the Snug Harbor School.

Quincy Sun Photos/Tom Gorman



SNUG HARBOR SCHOOL PTO President Christina Duncan cleans leaves in front of the school on Cleaner, Greener Quincy May 4. School yards, parks and other public open spaces were spruced up by several hundred volunteers during the city-wide clean up.



SNUG HARBOR SCHOOL grade 5 student Luke Balcam, left, and his dad, Tyler Balcam, right, fill a wheelbarrow with mulch. The school was among the cleanup sites as part of Cleaner, Greener Quincy May 4.



VOLUNTEERS SPRUCE UP the front of Snug Harbor School during the 35th annual Cleaner, Greener Quincy Day.



HOUGHS NECK GARDEN Club member Victoria Roman joins other members in beautifying the Houghs Neck WWII Memorial during Cleaner, Greener Quincy May 4.



ATHERTON HOUGH SCHOOL grade 5 student Jack Sollinger sweeps the playground.



ATHERTON HOUGH SCHOOL grade 3 student Seamus Sollinger helps clean the school's playground on Cleaner, Greener Quincy Day May 4.



ATHERTON HOUGH SCHOOL grade 3 student Chris Riley spreads wood chips on the playground on Cleaner, Greener Quincy Day May 4. More photos on Page 39.

OBITUARIES

Marilyn J. Pierce, 89

Marilyn Joan Pierce, of Gilford, New Hampshire, formerly of Quincy, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 5, 2024, in Ossipee, New Hampshire, surrounded by family after a short illness. She was 89.

Marilyn was born in Quincy, Massachusetts on April 30, 1935, and was the daughter of the late John and Thirza (Moore) Pierce.

She enjoyed spending winters in Florida with friends. Marilyn especially enjoyed summertime time with her family at the lake-front cottage in Alton Bay that she purchased along with her sister Lois. She later moved to Gilford, New Hampshire where she enjoyed playing Mahjong, Scrabble and Cards with friends and fellow residents of Wesley Woods. Marilyn was an avid reader and always had a book she was reading by her favorite chair. She enjoyed spending time with life-long friends including Marcia Creighton, Virginia Jones, and Jean Brown. They often enjoyed going out to eat together and it seemed she was always on the phone with one of them anytime you stopped by to visit.

Marilyn is survived by son Mark Stewart and his wife Noreen of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, grandchildren Katey Provost and her husband David of Ludlow, Massachusetts, Kristina Stewart of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, and Mark Stewart Jr. and his wife Krystle of Gilford, New Hampshire. She was so happy to spend time with her two great grandchildren Autumn Provost and Max Stewart. Marilyn was predeceased by her sister Lois Wolf of Weymouth, Massachusetts, son Scott Stewart of Laconia, New Hampshire and prior husband Warren Stewart of Alton Bay, New Hampshire.



MARILYN J. PIERCE

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visitation on Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10-11 a.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 11 a.m. in Keohane Funeral Home, Quincy.

Services will conclude with interment in Mt. Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Marilyn's name to Massachusetts Humane Society by visiting: www.masshumane.org.

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Lucinda Morrissey Ellard, 98

Lucinda (Costa) Morrissey Ellard, age 98, a longtime resident of Quincy, died peacefully, Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at the Pat Roche Hospice Home in Hingham, in the comfort of her loving family.

Lucinda was born in Ludlow, to the late Manuel and Delphina (Ferrara) Costa. Raised and educated there, she was a graduate of Ludlow High School and the Boston City Hospital School of Nursing. She lived in Quincy for over seventy years.

She was employed as a registered nurse for the City of Quincy School Department for thirty years. During her career, Lucinda worked at various schools but mostly at North Quincy High School.

Lucinda enjoyed exercising, dancing, and spending time at the Kennedy Center in Quincy where she made many friendships.

Most of all, Lucinda was devoted to her family, especially her children and cherished grandchildren, supporting all their many activities and accomplishments.

Beloved wife of the late Francis I. Ellard and the late Richard M. Morrissey.

Devoted mother of Richard M. Morrissey and his wife Mary Ann of Plymouth, Lucinda Morrissey of Lake Tahoe, Calif., Brian S. Morrissey of Hingham and his late wife Bessie, and Diane Campo and her husband Anthony of Milton.

Dear step-mother of Mary Leonard and her part-



LUCINDA MORRISSEY ELLARD

ner Doug Murphy of N.H., Thomas Ellard and his wife Kathleen of Walpole, Veronica DiMarzio and her husband Edward of East Bridgewater, Laurie Alley and her partner Paul Flynn of Stoughton, Jean Gillan and her husband Joseph of Norwell, and Joyce Sheehan and her husband Joseph of Walpole.

Loving grandmother of Drew Morrissey, Matt Morrissey, Joseph Campo and his fiancée Kaleigh Joyce, and many dear step-grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Lucinda was the last of three siblings.

Graveside Services were conducted privately at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

For those who wish, donations in Lucinda's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

John J. Ford, 70

John J. "Fordy" Ford, age 70, a lifelong Quincy resident, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his loving family, after a long battle with cancer.

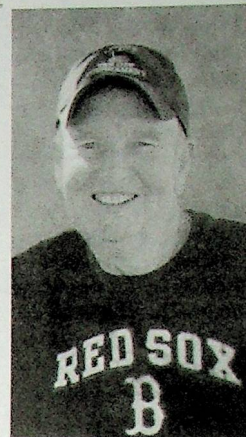
John was born in Quincy, to the late George L. and Mary A. (Costigan) Ford. Raised and educated in Quincy, he was a graduate of Quincy High School, Class of 1973, a lover of all sports, where he especially excelled in football.

Working alongside his father and uncle, John was employed as a glazier for the Glaziers and Glassworkers Local 1044 for thirty-five years, retiring eleven years ago.

John was a volunteer and coached the Quincy Point Panthers in Quincy Youth Football for sixteen years. In 2022, he was awarded the Pigskin Gala Football Man of the Year.

A motorcycle enthusiast, Fordy enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson alongside his daughter, and watching the Red Sox with his son. He was an avid golfer and cherished his Thursday Night Golf League "Fake It Through Fridays." John fondly remembered his favorite golf trip to Pebble Beach with his brothers.

Most of all, John was well-known for his lifelong passion and the lasting friendships made while helping others as the founder and president of the South Shore Children's Fund for the past forty years. For many years, John organized charitable events, such as JT's Tee Off Tournament and JT's Thunder Motorcycle Run, named after his son, John Thomas, who is mentally and physically challenged. Proceeds from the tournament and run benefited local organizations, charities, schools, and individual children. John cherished playing the part of Santa's helper for the MA Dept of Children & Family Services' holiday party for many years.



JOHN J. FORD

Beloved husband for forty-five years of Deborah L. "Debby" (Leahy) Ford.

Devoted father of JoAnna E. Ford and John Thomas "JT" Ford, both of Quincy.

One of six siblings, Fordy was the loving brother of Patricia Boucher and her husband John, George Ford and his wife Tricia, all of Weymouth, Thomas Ford and his wife Jane of Quincy, Mary Ford-Clark and her husband James, and Michael Ford and his wife Kim, all of Braintree. A loving brother-in-law to the late James Leahy and his surviving wife Sharon of Watonsville, Calif., and Robert and Patti Leahy of Wrentham. Best friend of Michael McLean of Hanover.

John is also survived by many nieces, nephews, their families, and countless friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Joseph's Church, 550 Washington St., Quincy, on Tuesday, May 14. Visiting Hours were held at the Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Ave, East Milton, on Monday. Interment Pine Hill Cemetery, West Quincy.

For those who wish, donations in John's memory may be made to John T. Ford 2017 Supplemental Needs Trust, c/o 68 Baxter Ave, Quincy, MA 02169.

To leave the Ford's a condolence message, please visit www.dolanfuneral.com.

In Loving Memory of Linda D. Marsney May 19, 2021



Not a single moment passes when
You are not missed by us all.
You will always live in our hearts,
shining down and guiding us to be kind.

-Nicky Marsney, Kids
& Grandchildren

IN MEMORIAM In Loving Memory of Edward J. Pasquale Fifth Anniversary 5/16/2019 ~ 5/16/2024



Just a Memory Away

I'm no longer by your side,
but there's no need to weep;
I've left sweet recollections
I'm hoping you will keep.

Eternal joy and memories
stay in our hearts forever,
Strengthening our special bond
that parting cannot sever.

Now it's time to journey on,
so let your faith be strong;
For I am in a better place...
I'm home where I belong.

And if times of loneliness bring sorrow and dismay,
Don't despair, for I am there...
All my love forever, Cindy

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Patricia M. Byrne, 80

Patricia Mary Byrne, of Quincy, formerly of Braintree, died suddenly in her home on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. She was 80.

Pat was born in Milton on May 11, 1943 and was the daughter of the late George and Catherine (Irwin) Byrne. She was raised in the Quincy neighborhood of Wollaston, attended local schools, and graduated from North Quincy High School.

Pat was a gentle soul whose presence illuminated the lives of those fortunate enough to know her. She leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and cherished memories.

Born with a tender heart and a curious mind, Pat found solace and joy in the simple pleasures of life. A devoted reader, she often found herself immersed in the pages of books, where she discovered worlds beyond her own. Her passion for literature was matched only by her keen interest in politics and current events, as she eagerly absorbed the



PATRICIA M. BYRNE

happenings of the world through the lens of the news.

Yet, amidst her intellectual pursuits, Pat found true delight in the arts. She found enchantment in the graceful movements of the ballet and the melodious voices of the Irish tenors. Countless evenings were spent in the company of these cultural treasures, each performance etching a memory in her heart.

Pat's love for her family knew no bounds, and she cherished every moment spent in their presence. As an aunt, she embraced her role with joy and dedication, showering her nieces

and with affection and wisdom. Her quiet demeanor belied a fierce devotion, as she selflessly cared for her mother until her final breath, embodying the essence of a true caregiver.

In every aspect of her life, Pat exuded a sense of peace and tranquility that resonated with all who knew her. Her gentle spirit and nurturing nature brought comfort and solace to those in need, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of many.

Though she may have bid farewell to this earthly realm, Pat's spirit will forever live on in the cherished memories she leaves behind. May her kind soul find eternal rest, surrounded by the love and warmth she so generously shared with the world.

Pat was the devoted sister of Gerald I. Byrne and his wife Diana of Newport, Rhode Island, and his late wife Eleanor (McKinnon) Byrne, who died in 2012. She was the loving aunt of Janine Byrne and her husband Bruce Picard Jr. of Cambridge and Jaime Byrne of Quincy. Pat was the loving great aunt of Astrid Picard of North Carolina and Grace Picard of Jamaica Plain and is also survived by many loving extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Thursday, May 16, 2024, 9-11 a.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

Her funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 11 a.m. in Keohane Funeral Home, Quincy.

Services will conclude with interment in Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Patricia's name to the Boston Ballet by visiting: www.bostonballet.org/home/support/donate.

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Ferdinando 'Nando' Crisafulli, 81

Ferdinando "Nando" Crisafulli, 81, of Quincy passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Nando was born in Sicily to the late Anthony and Mary (Battaglia) Crisafulli. He is survived by his loving wife Carol (Ruvich) Crisafulli, to whom he was married for 36 years. He was the brother of Carmello Crisafulli of Italy and the late of Arthur and Joseph Crisafulli and Dina Trischitta. Nando also leaves behind a nephew Joseph Trischitta and niece Joanne Trischitta, both of California.

Nando was a talented and well-known hairdresser who enrolled in the L'Oreal Hair-coloring school in Sicily at the age of twelve. After the death of his father, when Nando was in the seventh grade, his mother returned



FERDINANDO "NANDO" CRISAFULLI

with the family back to the United States and settled in East Boston, Massachusetts. Nando started his hairdressing career at one of Helen Goodrich's Beauty Gardens salons on Washington Street and Hyde Park Avenue. He continued his career at the Marvel Hair Salon in Cleveland Circle. He went on to open his first salon in Codman Square in Dorchester.

He named his salon "Nando of Rome". In 1972, he opened his second salon on Billings Road in North Quincy. Nando retired in 2015.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend Nando's Memorial visiting hours which will be held at the Hamel-Lydon Chapel, 650 Hancock St., Quincy, on Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 4:00pm to 6:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations in Nando's memory be made to the Quincy Animal Shelter, 440 Rear E. Squantum St., Quincy, MA 02171.

Funeral arrangements under the compassionate care of Hamel-Lydon Chapel. For online condolences, please visit HamelLydon.com.

Betty Lou Priscella

Betty Lou (Balzano) Priscella of Quincy died on April 29, 2024.

Wife of the late Anthony Patsy Priscella. Daughter of the late Luigi and Nancy Balzano. Mother of Michael and his wife Karen, Anthony and his wife Helen and Stephen and his wife Karla. Grandmother to A.J., Michael Angelo, Mark Anthony, Gina Louise and Ross Edward Priscella. Great grandmother to Michael Holmes Priscella. Sister of John (Sonny) Balzano. Aunt



BETTY LOU PRISCILLA

to Casey Balzano, Jeannie Balzano-Banks, Mary Balzano, Paul Balzano, Kristin McCulloch, Ellen Rose

Sherman (deceased), Maureen Oriola, Debra Jarvis and Jackie (Jade) DaRu. She also leaves behind her canine companion Louie. She was predeceased by her sisters Mary, Rose and Hazel.

Per Betty's wishes services were private.

If you wish to make a donation in her memory it can be sent to St. Joseph's Parish, 550 Washington St., Quincy, MA 02169.

Arrangement made through Keohane Funeral and Cremation.

Jeffery F. Dillon, 68

Jeffery F. Dillon, age 68, a lifelong resident of Quincy, died unexpectedly, Monday, May 6, 2024 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, in the comfort of his loving family.

Jeffery was born in Milton, raised and educated in Quincy. He was a graduate of North Quincy High School, Class of 1973.

As a young man, Jeff began his career at Miller Blueprint in Quincy Center. He went on to work as a journeyman in the imaging department of The Boston Globe for over twenty-five years. In that position, Jeff worked on correcting image colors so that they would appear with the best possible reproduction either in the print edition or online. He had been retired for many years.

Jeff was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, Boston

Bruins, and New England Patriots.

Beloved son of the late Francis Ramon "Ray" and Doris A. (Dwyer) Dillon.

Devoted brother of Gregory P. Dillon and his wife Susan of Louisville, Ky., Tracey A. Alberti and her husband Scott of Mashpee, and Tara H. Dillon of Centerville.

Loving uncle of Matt and Katie; Kirsten, Marissa, and Stephanie; and Kristina.

At the request of the family, services were private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeffery's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Houghs Neck Flower Sale Saturday

The Houghs Neck Community Council Flower Sale will be held Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in

the church parking lot, corner of Sea Street and Rockland Street, Quincy.

In the event of rain the

sale will be held inside St. Thomas Aquinas Hall on Darrow Street, Quincy.

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New AAA Research Exposes The Crash Danger Of Spillover Speeding

Raising speed limits on highways could lead to more crashes on nearby roads, according to new research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

This "spillover effect"

can create unintended safety hazards for local communities that are situated near major highways. Speeding is a significant safety concern, contributing to more than a quarter of road fatalities, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

In Massachusetts, speeding or driving too fast for the conditions was a contributing factor in 209 of the 1,130 fatal crashes between 2021 and 2023, according to data from the Massachusetts IMPACT crash data portal.

"When it comes to local roads used by drivers, pedestrians and cyclists alike, responsible speeds are paramount to ensuring we all get home safely each day," said Mark Schieldrop, Senior Spokesperson for AAA Northeast. "Unfortunately, in many neighborhoods near highways, local streets are treated like racetracks rather than places where people live and work. The findings serve as a reminder to drivers to curb their speeds when they exit a highway."

AAA Foundation researchers investigated whether changes to posted speed limits on interstate highways could cause drivers to adopt risky speeding behaviors on local streets. The study looked at crash data before and after speed limit increases on interstates in Georgia, Michigan, and Oregon. Researchers conducted hot spot analyses on roads within a 1-mile radius of interstates and found many instances where speed-related crashes increased on nearby roads following the interstate speed limit change, suggesting that drivers exiting the highway continued their faster tendencies.

AAA recommends a multi-pronged approach across education, technology, and road design to combat speeding behavior. This includes public awareness campaigns focused on the riskiest drivers; equitably placed automated speed enforcement and high-visibility police enforcement; and narrower lanes, speed humps, roadway landscaping and curb extensions.

Previous speeding research by the AAA Foundation found that raising posted highway speed limits is associated with increased crash frequencies in some situations. At the same time, changes in travel times were small in response to both raised and lowered speed limits.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-21

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Att. Patrick Foley for a Variance and Finding to subdivide a parcel containing a 2 family dwelling and erect a single family dwelling on the 2nd parcel in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 3.4.2 (non conforming uses and structures), 4.1 (Table of Dimensional Requirements), 4.2.6 (minimum frontage and width) and 5.1.8 (Table of off street parking requirements) on the premises numbered 265 FRANKLIN STREET, QUINCY, MA.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

5/16/24, 5/23/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-34

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Brian LaRoche for a VARIANCE AND SPECIAL PERMIT/FLOOD PLAIN to combine 3 parcels with common ownership into 2 parcels to erect 1 single family home while leaving the existing dwelling undisturbed in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1 (dimensional requirements) and 8.1.9 (Special Permit/Flood Zone) on the premises numbered 7 PETERSON ROAD, QUINCY.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

5/16/24, 5/23/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-35

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Brian LaRoche for a VARIANCE, FINDING and SPECIAL PERMIT/FLOOD PLAIN to demolish the existing non-flood compliant single family structure and replace with a new flood compliant single family dwelling in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 3.4.5 and 3.4.7, Nonconforming Structures, 4.1.1, Table of Dimensional Requirements and 5.1.4, Parking Setbacks on the premises numbered 38 PARKHURST STREET, QUINCY, MA.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

5/16/24, 5/23/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-36

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Steve P. Quieto for a VARIANCE to install a driveway greater than 20 ft. in width and construct a cupola that exceeds height requirements in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1, Table of Dimensional Requirements, 5.1.4(1) exceeds allowable driveway/parking dimensions and 5.1.16 allowable portion of greenspaced to be paved on the premises numbered 78 BELLEVUE ROAD, QUINCY, MA.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

5/16/24, 5/23/24

INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Public Works

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Public Works for the City of Quincy, Massachusetts invites bidders to submit sealed bids for **FY24 SEWER AND DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT #1** until **11:00 a.m. local time, May 30, 2024**, in the Office of the Purchasing Department, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work under this contract, which includes but is not limited to, is intended to replace, or rehabilitate existing aging sewer and drain infrastructure throughout various locations in the City of Quincy. This Contract consists of several activities and improvements that will remedy known inflow and infiltration (I/I) sources as well as structurally deficient infrastructure. All work to be performed will be consistent with the requirements of CWSRF #8364. The construction contract includes the installation of cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) liners, the replacement of existing structurally deficient sewer with new sewer, installation of cementitious manhole liners, the replacement of deficient manhole frames and covers, and raising manhole frames and covers of existing grades as necessary. There are approximately 4.7 miles of sewer gravity main rehabilitation and 2.6 miles of storm gravity main rehabilitation.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 1:00 p.m. local time on May 20, 2024, at the Department of Public Works, 55 Sea Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

Detailed specifications will be available at no cost on-line at the City of Quincy's Website, https://www.quincyma.gov/govt/depts/purchasing/current_bids.htm.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the Bid in the form of a Bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

The bidding and award of this Contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations when applicable in relation to Minority Business Enterprise, Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Work Force, Equal Employment Opportunity, and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, §26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Alfred J. Grazioso, Commissioner of Public Works
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

5/16/24

INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Public Works

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Public Works for the City of Quincy, Massachusetts invites bidders to submit sealed bids for **FY24 SEWER AND DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT #2** until **12:00 p.m. local time, May 30, 2024**, in the Office of the Purchasing Department, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work under this contract, which includes but is not limited to, is intended to replace or rehabilitate existing aging sewer and drain infrastructure throughout various locations in the City of Quincy. This Contract consists of several activities and improvements that will remedy known inflow and infiltration (I/I) sources as well as structurally deficient infrastructure. All work to be performed will be consistent with the requirements of CWSRF #8364. The construction contract includes the installation of cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) liners, the replacement of existing structurally deficient sewer with new sewer, installation of cementitious manhole liners, the replacement of deficient manhole frames and covers, and raising manhole frames and covers of existing grades as necessary. There are approximately 8.1 miles of sewer gravity main rehabilitation and 0.6 miles of storm gravity main rehabilitation.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. local time on May 20, 2024, at the Department of Public Works, 55 Sea Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

Detailed specifications will be available at no cost on-line at the City of Quincy's Website, https://www.quincyma.gov/govt/depts/purchasing/current_bids.htm.

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5/16/24

BBB: New Facebook Phishing Scam Scares Page Owners Into Sharing Password

By BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The latest social media scam is yet another phishing scheme designed to scare Facebook users into sharing their login credentials. Here's how you can spot the scam and protect your account from hackers.

How The Scam Works

You receive an email that appears to come from Facebook and says something like this: "Recently, we discovered a breach of our Facebook Community Standards on your page. Your page has been disabled for violating Facebook Terms. If you believe the decision is incorrect, you can request a review and file an appeal at the link below." The message may also state that if you don't act in the next 24 hours, Facebook will delete your account permanently.

The email includes a link that appears to lead to Facebook.com. Because you want to keep your account, you may think about clicking - however, you must stay calm and take a closer look. On closer inspection, you'll likely find signs of a scam. These include typos, email sender addresses that aren't related to Facebook,

and, if you hover over the link in the email (without clicking on it), you will discover that it doesn't point to Facebook's website.

Another version of this Facebook phishing scam targets Facebook business pages with a threat to deactivate the account due to a Terms of Service or Community Standard violation. The message appears to come from Meta Business Support and requires the administrator to confirm the account by clicking a link, or it will be permanently deleted.

If you click the link, you'll likely be taken to an official-looking page and prompted to complete a form to appeal the policy violation. You'll be asked

for your login email, phone number, name, and other details. The page will ask you to confirm your password when you hit submit. If you do, scammers will have all the information they need to hack your account.

How to Avoid Facebook phishing scams

- Don't panic. Always read suspicious emails carefully, looking for signs of a scam, before you act. Remember that scammers love to target social media accounts, so fake alerts aren't uncommon.
- Verify the claims. Log into your Facebook account directly to verify there is a problem before deciding how to proceed.
- Always log into your account directly. Even if

you think an alert is authentic, use your social media app to log in or enter the URL in the browser bar by typing it, not by clicking on a link sent to you.

- Guard your login credentials carefully. Never enter your login information on a third-party website or a page other than the official Facebook website. Never

send your login information to someone via email or Facebook Messenger. If you entered your login credentials into a fake form, change your password immediately.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-37

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of James Baer for a VARIANCE to partially enclose the front porch and expand to acquire a full third story in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements on both referenced above as well as 5.1.8 Off Street Parking Requirements on the premises numbered 15 ALBANY STREET, QUINCY, MA.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search

Martin Aikens, Chairman

5/16/24, 5/23/24

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. NO24P1104EA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 (781) 830-1200

Estate of:

Nancy K. Muenchow

Also known as:

Nancy Kay Muenchow

Date of Death:

3/16/2024

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carol Paugas of Hamden, CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Carol Paugas of Hamden, CT and be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 05/29/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 23, 2024 COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY Register of Probate

INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS Department of Natural Resources

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Quincy, acting on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, is seeking sealed bids for STUMP GRINDING SERVICES until 12:30 p.m. local time Thursday, May 30, 2024, in the Office of the Purchasing Department, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The City of Quincy, Massachusetts will accept sealed bids for stump grinding services. Services shall include the grinding of stumps a minimum of 8" below surface, the cleanup of debris/wood chips as a result of grinding, and the placement of soil to fill the hole and level to the existing grade of the grass border. The entire tree stump and all surface roots greater than two inches in diameter shall be ground down to a minimum of 8" below grade.

All wood chips and loose debris from grinding shall be removed from the location and properly disposed of. The void shall be backfilled with a quality soil mixture approved by the city. Soil backfill mixture must be 90% screened true loam and 10% compost mixture. Soil shall be deposited one-half inch above surface grade to allow the soil to settle to the proper level. Grass seed shall be immediately deposited over the newly installed soil at a rate of one pound (1lb) of grass seed for every one hundred square feet (100 sq. ft). The grass seed mix shall be approved by the City.

A 5% bid bond is required for the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and also available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Specifications will be available May 15, 2024.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M, as last revised. All applicable Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations in relation to and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, §26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor David Murphy, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

5/16/24

INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS Department of Public Works

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Public Works for the City of Quincy, Massachusetts invites bidders to submit sealed bids for CY2024 SQUANTUM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT until 11:30 a.m. local time, May 30, 2024, in the Office of the Purchasing Department, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work under this contract, which includes but is not limited to, the installation of more than 2,000 linear feet of reinforced concrete drainpipe, ranging in size from 12-inches to 30-inches in diameter; installation of 13 drain manholes and 15 catch basins; removal of existing drain pipe and structures; and appurtenant work.

The Work shall be substantially completed by August 23, 2024. All Work shall be ready for final payment by September 2, 2024.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. local time on May 20, 2024, at the Department of Public Works, 55 Sea Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

Detailed specifications will be available at no cost on-line at the City of Quincy's Website, https://www.quincyma.gov/govt/depts/purchasing/current_bids.htm.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the Bid in the form of a Bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

The bidding and award of this Contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations when applicable in relation to Minority Business Enterprise, Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Work Force, Equal Employment Opportunity, and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, §26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

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Thomas P. Koch, Mayor Alfred J. Grazioso, Commissioner of Public Works Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

5/16/24

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LEGAL NOTICE

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY: PUBLICATION, MAILING, TEXT, EMAIL

Docket No. NO24D0401DR

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 (781) 830-1200

Guangchi Mei, Plaintiff vs. Ziyi Liang, Defendant To the above named defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce Requesting that the court Grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Guangchi Mei 25 Merrymount Ave Apt 1 Quincy, MA 02170

your answer, if any, on or before June 6, 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 22, 2024 COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY Register of Probate

5/16/24

AAA Reminder: REAL ID Rule Takes Effect In One Year

You Can't Go Far Without The Gold Star

Planning to fly domestically this time next year? Make sure you have a REAL ID by then. Without one, you may have to watch your plane take off from the airport terminal—without you.

Effective May 7, 2025, a REAL ID will be the only type of driver license or state ID deemed acceptable by airport security and to access federal buildings.

REAL IDs, identifiable by a gold star printed on the face of the ID, meet federal security standards for state-issued driver licenses and IDs.

While a traditional license will remain a valid form of identification for driving purposes, domestic air travelers should ensure they possess a REAL ID before finalizing travel plans. Although a valid, unexpired

U.S. Passport will remain accepted by the Transportation Security Administration for domestic air travel, AAA recommends frequent domestic travelers upgrade their traditional license before the deadline—and sooner than later. Demand for REAL IDs could surge shortly before the deadline, causing potential delays.

“A year from the deadline might seem like plenty

of time, but gathering the correct paperwork and completing an in-person appointment might take more time than you think,” said Mark Schieldrop, Senior Spokesperson for AAA Northeast. “Even if your traditional ID doesn’t expire before the deadline, if air travel is in your future, it’s worth upgrading to a REAL ID now.”

How do I get a REAL ID in Massachusetts?

• A REAL ID requires an in-person visit to either the

Massachusetts RMV or a AAA branch.

• During the visit, you’ll need to provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence in the U.S., proof of Social Security number and proof of Massachusetts residency. A list of documents that apply to each category can be found on the Massachusetts RMV’s website.

• Once the process is complete, a REAL ID is renewed just like a traditional license—only the initial in-person appointment is required

What are the common challenges to getting a Real ID?

• REAL ID requires in-person physical and electronic verification of all documents.

• Only original, non-laminated, unaltered and accurate documents are accepted. You will not be successful if you deviate from the state’s REAL ID checklist.

• Documents cannot be issued from a church, hospital or non-government agency.

• All name changes must be proven with legal documents from birth to current name if a person has had name changes. Therefore,

people who have had changes in their name should bring all documents showing the name trail from their lawful presence/birth document to their current name on their driver license/state ID. These documents must be issued by a city or state; church marriage certificates cannot be used.

• All Social Security documentation must show the person’s full name and full Social Security number.

What else is important to note?

• A REAL ID does not replace a passport for international travel. For international travelers, AAA offers its members passport photo services.

• Be wary of fake RMV websites that emulate official state websites and may contain incorrect information. Always look for websites that end in .GOV—phony websites often pay to show up at the top of search results.

• To ensure that you have your REAL ID before May 7, 2025, AAA encourages members not to wait. Even if your current license expires after that date, consider renewing well before the deadline to avoid any potential confusion at airports.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Wollaston Urban Revitalization District Plan
LOCATION: Wollaston Center
PROPOSER: City of Quincy, Planning and Community Development Department

The City is submitting a Single Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before May 15, 2024. This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA, M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L) under the following review threshold, 301 CMR 11.03(1)(b)(7): Approval in accordance with M.G.L. c. 121B of a New Urban Revitalization Plan. Copies of the SEIR may be requested from Joe King at jkking@quincyma.gov or 617-376-1362.

Copies of the SEIR are also being provided to the City Council, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Department of Health.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish the notice of the SEIR in the Environmental Monitor, which will be accepting public comments on the project beginning May 22. All persons wishing to comment on the project should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project or email MEPA@mass.gov or the project analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor.
5/16/23

INVITATION TO BID

Invitation to Bid

City of Quincy
Quincy, Massachusetts

Notice

DUE: May 30, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy, acting through the Police Department, is soliciting bids for the Police Patrol Boat Engine Replacement and accessories. The materials offered shall conform to the specifications and be of the latest model year and most current design. The department is seeking two (2) Yamaha Four Stroke Outboard Motors with the current model year.

Bids must state exceptions, if any, the delivery date, and any allowable discounts. Bids/Proposals must be in a sealed envelope. The outside of the sealed envelope is to be clearly marked “**BID ENCLOSED**” with time/date of bid call.

Bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**

Firm bid prices will be given first consideration. Bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Department until the time and date stated above, at which time and date they will be publicly opened and read. Late Bids delivered by mail or in person will be rejected.

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy’s website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Inquiries will be accepted until May 24, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy reserves the right to withdraw the Bid; to reject any and all bids; and to accept any bids deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Mark Kennedy, Chief of Police
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

5/16/24

Nicholas Ferrara Participates In International Conference

Joining 23 other students from Stonehill College’s DECA chapter, Nicholas Ferrara, a member of the Class of 2026 from Quincy, MA, recently participated in the International Career Development Conference in

Austin, Texas.

Stonehill students faced off against more than 200 schools in competitive case study events designed to prepare them to become leaders and entrepreneurs.

Legal Notices for Publication

Should be emailed to:

quincysunsubs@gmail.com

or

thequincysun@verizon.net

Need more information?

Call 617-471-3100

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For

FILED SUB BIDDER AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS

CITY OF QUINCY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
1305 HANCOCK STREET
QUINCY, MA 02169

Invites sealed bids for furnishing and delivering to the City of Quincy:

FRANCIS PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOILER REPLACEMENT

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS

for “**FILED SUB CONTRACTORS**”
for “**GENERAL CONTRACTORS**”

June 6, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
June 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

A non-mandatory site visit for both Sub-Contractors and General Contractors will be on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** on site. (148 Billings Road, Quincy, MA 02171)

The City of Quincy, on behalf of the Department of Public Buildings, invites bidders to submit sealed bids for the “**FRANCIS PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**”, in accordance with contract documents prepared by TSKP Studio. The work of this contract includes but is not limited to removal and replacement of the existing Francis Parker Elementary School boilers. Included in this work are new steam and condensing boilers, pumps, boiler feed unit, separators, expansion tanks, filter feeders, compressor, dryer, mixing valves, BMS, TAB, and associated electrical. General Bidders must be certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for HVAC. The total project is estimated to cost \$1,130,430.00.

Trade Categories
Plumbing
Electrical

Est. Constr. Cost
\$69,518.00
\$59,377.00

Trade Categories
HVAC

Est. Constr. Cost
\$639,181.00

The Successful “**General Contractor**” and “**Filed Sub Contractor**” must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management copy of the DCAM Update Statement and certificate of eligibility must be submitted with the bid.

Detailed specifications will be available May 8, 2024, at no cost on-line at the City’s website. (https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids.php) Bidders shall send a confirming email to: mmarini@quincyma.gov to maintain a plan holders list. If Bidding Documents are downloaded and/or printed from the website, it is bidder’s responsibility to check the website for any addenda before submitting a bid. The City will not be responsible for any bid that omits addenda acknowledgement. Bidding documents are also available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email to: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. All inquiries for **Filed Subs** will be accepted until May 24, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Inquiries for **General Contractors** will be accepted until June 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer’s check.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 44A-J, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations when applicable. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Paul Hines, Commissioner of Public Buildings
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

5/16/24

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SUN FUN PAGES

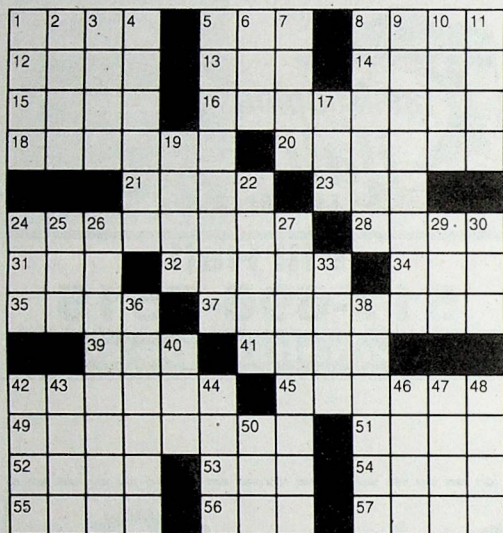
King Crossword

ACROSS

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5 \$ dispenser
8 Cries of aversion
12 Spiced tea
13 Goat's plaint
14 Entreaty
15 Mystique
16 Blue Angels events
18 Australian red wine
20 Fedora feature
21 Medicinal plant
23 PC key
24 Schubert compositions
28 "Monopoly" cubes
31 Misery
32 Barbs
34 "Science Friday" network
35 Adjoining
- 37 Sweeten
39 Rocker Nugent
41 Minnesota —
42 Penniless one
45 Fearsome fly
49 Relaxing time on the slopes
51 Equitable
52 "Understood"
53 Lucy's TV pal
54 Forearm bone
55 Minus
56 Season opener?
57 Some July babies
- 9 Acting smug
10 Hacks with an axe
11 Postpaid enc.
17 Mexican Mrs.
19 Sleep like —
22 Treble clef lines
24 Bristle
25 Caviar base
26 Fabric features
27 Calming drug
29 Tax pro
30 Mess up
33 Bygone jets
36 Prairie homes
38 Of service
40 — Moines
42 Beach bucket
43 Church area
44 Invitation notation
46 Story
47 China (Pref.)
48 Historic periods
50 White wine cocktail

DOWN

- 1 Early TVs
2 "Nope!"
3 Rani's dress
4 Royal crowns
5 Vast rainforest region
6 — chi
7 Painter
8 Supported



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MAGIC MAZE — KEEPER

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C A Z L A O G S B S X L P B M

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: HONEY-MAKING POLLINATOR

Book Lighthouse Quarterback Station
Brother's Lock Record Time
Goal Market Saloon Zoo
Grounds Peace Shop

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Tap is longer. 3. Paint can is larger. 4. Window sill is different. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Top of doorway is different.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which European country has the largest population?
- TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a character named Ron Swanson?
- SCIENCE: What are the three layers of the Earth?
- MOVIES: Which 2001 movie has a famous "bend and snap" scene?
- MONEY: What is a modern U.S. penny made of mostly?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a common name for an animal in the Leporidae family?
- LITERATURE: Which children's book contains the line, "Why, sometimes I've

believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast?"

8. ANATOMY: Where is the pinna located in the human body?

9. HISTORY: Who was the fourth president of the United States?

10. BUSINESS: What did Amazon sell exclusively when it started business in 1994?

Answers

- Russia.
- "Parks and Recreation."
- Crust, mantle and core.
- "Legally Blonde."
- Zinc.
- Rabbit or hare.
- "Alice in Wonderland."
- Ear.
- James Madison.
- Books.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The cautious side of your usually adventurous nature stands you in good stead this week. Someone might, indeed, be trying to pull the wool over the Sheep's eyes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Planetary alignment still causes unsettling situations. Consider delaying matters that aren't a priority until the weekend. Cheer up! The next such alignment isn't until 2028.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters take precedence. Spend more time with those close to you. A career move sounds promising, but ask for more facts before making a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your watchword this week is "tact!" While honesty is, of course, the best policy, it's best to temper your tendency toward bluntness with discretion.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Nothing pleases our Leos and Leonas more than knowing they're admired, and this week, you'll be overwhelmed with compliments. Enjoy the adulation. You earned it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're making progress in your dealings with a troubled loved one. Continue to offer understanding and support. You'll soon see positive results.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Change is favored this week. You might want to reassess a situation that has

become too demanding. Also, reconsider that job move you rejected earlier.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A loved one returns after a long separation. At work, a decision is made that could lead to the changes you hoped for. The next step is up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to set things straight in your personal relationships. Some decisions might be difficult but necessary if you're to turn things around.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Cupid rules the Capricorn Goat's heart this week. It's a good time to start a new romance or reaffirm your commitment to your current beloved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel and entertainment are favored for the rest of the month. You earned this good time. Enjoy it with friends and family members.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you've been close to reveals a secret that could put this relationship at risk. Consider the full impact of the admission before making a decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of justice that sometimes makes you a mite too judgmental, but it also makes you a trusted and loyal friend.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals T

KQZY HB FBT IZJJ Z

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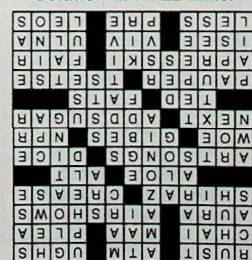
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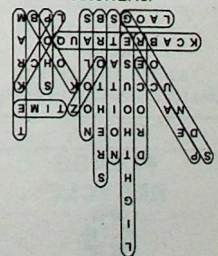
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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



Magic Maze ANSWERS:



CryptoQuip answer
What do you call a who's producing tons of celebrated fictional spy output? A high-yield Bond.

Super Crossword

INITIAL
CONDITIONS

ACROSS

- 1 Nineveh's empire
8 Its capital is Kampala
14 12-step affiliate group
20 New Guinea natives
21 Renovates
22 Ketchup ingredient
23 It's used for outlining designs in embroidery
25 Internet newsgroup troublemaker
26 Alloy that's mostly tin
27 1990s Toyota model
28 Grills in stoves
30 Take a stroll
32 Cheerful disposition
34 Carrying of a boat
38 View anew
39 Nonsense song syllable
40 American bird with all-white plumage
42 "So there!"
44 Feels unwell
48 Lawyers: Abbr.
49 Dental floss coating
- 50 Difficult matter to deal with
54 Saw or sickle
55 Implore
56 Olympic skater Midori
57 Enumerating
58 Oman locale
62 Shrink back
63 They may have jingles
66 Passionate love affair
69 Hairstyling goop
70 "C'mon, help me out!"
72 "Finally finished!"
73 St. Louis' — Bridge
75 Artifacts of Angola, e.g.
77 Ares or Eros
78 Greyhound vehicle
79 Misfortunes
83 The U.S. State Department, informally
- 85 Sultry
86 Piller
87 Casual tops
88 Fancy playing marble
89 Even break
91 "... — do say so myself"
93 "In all probability ..."

DOWN

- 1 Per unit
2 Rescue
3 Spurt out
4 Circular tent
5 Speeding cars' ovals
6 Boiling mad
7 Equine beast
8 Celestial bear
9 Gears up
10 Farewells
11 Zero

- 12 Yuletide mo.
13 "Harold and Maude" director Hal
14 When it's 1600 hours
15 "Blaze" actress
16 "Scenes From —" (Bette Midler film)
17 "And Bingo was his —"
18 New Mexico county
19 From Oslo's country, to its natives
24 Toll rd.
29 "Number 10" painter Mark
31 Stockings, say
33 Classic soda
34 Jr.-year exam
35 Savvy about
36 — -Rooter
37 Tharp of choreography
38 Dinosaur in "Toy Story"
41 Dusting cloth
43 Capital of Ghana
44 Fizzy wine, in brief
45 Walt Whitman's "— the Body Electric"
- 46 Fencer's attack
47 Jason of "Bad Teacher"
50 Celebrity status
51 Doughnut or bagel's shape
52 New Mexican succulents
53 Common way to mark losses
55 Place to dissect a frog
56 Blue shade
59 Actor Keach of "Mike Hammer"
60 Caesar of old comedy
61 CPR pro
63 Toward a ship's stern
64 Crusoe creator
65 Platoon VIP
67 Rodeo lasso
68 Idling position
71 Oinkers
74 Indian lute
76 Gratuity-prohibiting policy
78 Young guy, in hip-hop
80 Pre-Easter time
81 Shoe securer
82 Yukon vehicle
84 Tease in fun
- 85 Head cover
86 Mark of TV's "Super-natural"
89 Certain pinpoint feature
90 Seal, as a house-buying deal
91 Hinder
92 Novelist
94 Deadpan humor
95 "The Office" character Pam
97 Wood shoe
98 Treasure pile
99 "— vincit amor"
100 Winona of "Black Swan"
101 Once-popular anesthetic
102 Rival
105 You, of yore
107 "Stop staring —!"
108 Ostrich kin
109 Ky. neighbor
110 Part of B.A.
113 Kipling's "Follow Me —"
114 Org. founded by Billie Jean King

celebrity
extra

by Dana Jackson

Q: Is it true that Bella Hadid has quit modeling? Is she still recovering from Lyme disease? — S.E.

A: When Bella Hadid first appeared on "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" alongside her mother, Yolanda, and sister, Gigi, she was riding horses, not modeling. She didn't seem interested in following her mother's footsteps on the runway, but within a few short years, she and her sister were considered modern-day supermodels and fodder for the tabloids.

The girl who loved horses is reemerging now. Hadid has taken a break from modeling and calls Fort Worth, Texas, her new home. She's been dating cowboy and horse trainer Adan Banuelos since the two were seen together last October, and he's gotten her back into riding. Hadid placed third in a riding competition back in January, according to a post on his Instagram page.

This past August, Hadid opened up about her health struggles on an Instagram post and shared that she was "finally healthy" after getting diagnosed with Lyme disease in 2012.

Q: Is it true that Tracy Morgan is returning to "Saturday Night Live" as part of the cast again? — K.S.

A: Tracy Morgan spent seven

years as a cast member on "Saturday Night Live," but he has no plans to return in that capacity. He has returned to host twice so far and will no doubt host again someday.

Morgan starred in his self-titled sitcom "The Tracy Morgan Show," but it was canceled after one season. He made a much bigger splash playing a hilarious parody of himself in the Tina Fey sitcom "30 Rock." He later went on to star in another successful series "The Last O.G." for four seasons.

You'll likely see him hosting "SNL" to promote his new sitcom "Crutch" when it begins airing on Paramount+. "Crutch" is a spin-off of the hit CBS sitcom "The Neighborhood." Morgan has guest-starred on that show before and played Calvin's (Cedric the Entertainer) wealthy brother, Curtis, but he'll be playing a completely different character on "Crutch."

According to the official logline, Crutch is Cedric's cousin, "a Harlem widower whose empty nest plans are put on hold after his millennial son and free-spirited daughter move back home." Production on "Crutch" will begin later this year with an official premiere date to be announced.

Q: Whatever happened to the show "Deadliest Catch"? I know that a couple of people who were originally on it have passed away. Is it ever coming back? — T.A.

A: "Deadliest Catch," a documentary-reality show about the perilous world of crabbing on the high seas, premiered in



Model Bella Hadid

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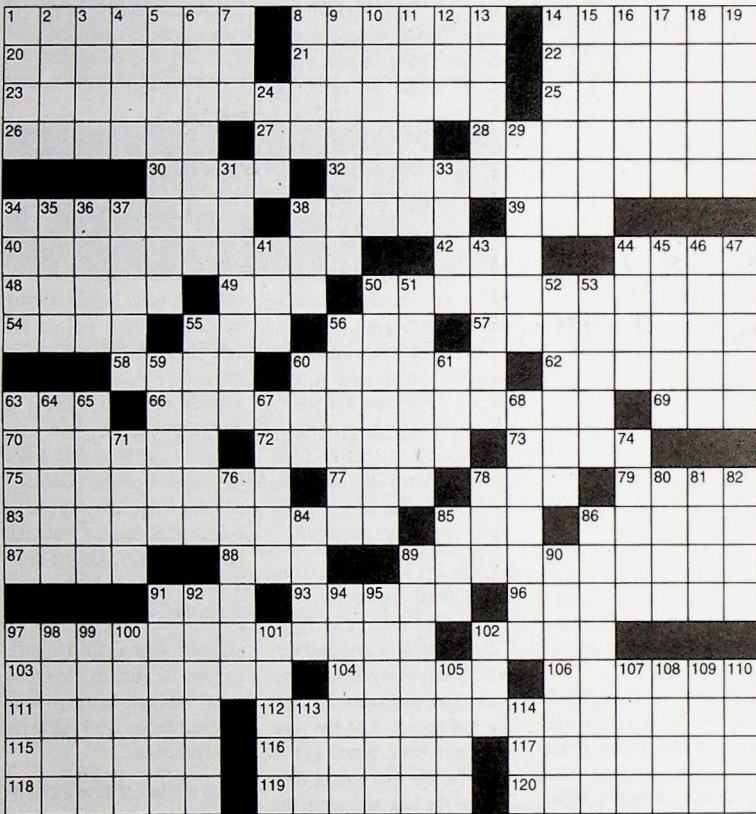
2005 on the Discovery Channel. Tragedy has struck the show numerous times in the form of natural causes, overdoses, and accidents involving the ships and their equipment. Despite all the hardship and heartbreak, the show is going on its 20th season this summer.

According to Entertainment Weekly, fan-favorite captains Sig Hansen, Keith Colburn and Wild Bill Wichrowski are all returning and will be competing in a derby-style race to reach a \$1 million quota.

Season 20 of "Deadliest Catch" premieres on Tuesday, June 11, at 8 p.m. ET on Discovery and will be available to stream on Max soon afterward.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

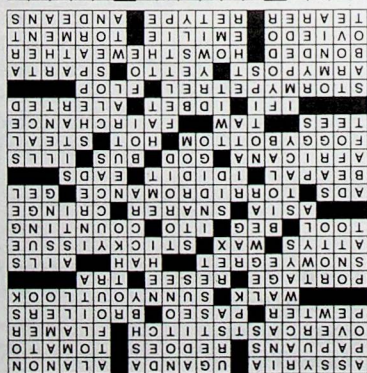
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers



Even Exchange

answers

1. Pitch, Pinch
2. Design, Resign
3. Manor, Major
4. Price, Pride
5. Junket, Junker
6. Otter, Utter
7. Floor, Flood
8. Hunger, Hunter
9. Stamp, Scamp
10. Remove, Remote

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

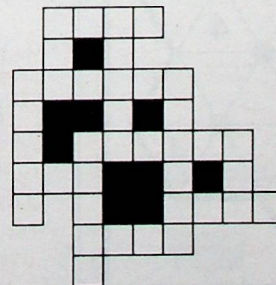
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. What Cy Young did | ___ T ___ | Salt measurement | ___ N ___ |
| 2. Architect's drawing | D ___ | Call it quits | R ___ |
| 3. Mansion | ___ N ___ | Army officer | ___ J ___ |
| 4. Cost | ___ C ___ | Group of lions | ___ D ___ |
| 5. Political trip | ___ T ___ | Rundown car | ___ R ___ |
| 6. Playful mammal | O ___ | Speak | U ___ |
| 7. Bewilder | ___ R ___ | Noah's dilemma | ___ D ___ |
| 8. Need for food | ___ G ___ | Orion, e.g. | ___ T ___ |
| 9. Postage sticker | ___ T ___ | Mischief-maker | ___ C ___ |
| 10. Get rid of | ___ V ___ | TV operation device | ___ T ___ |

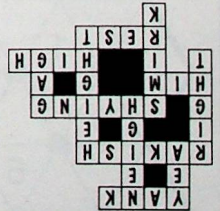
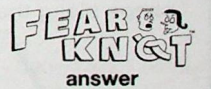
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AGG
HASKRI
RMKIS
ETSR
GHYNSI
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IHHG
♥GENHI
MHI
♥GETHHI
♥HRTGI
KAYN

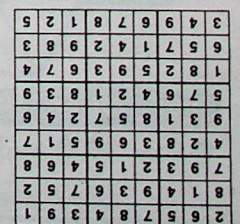


Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

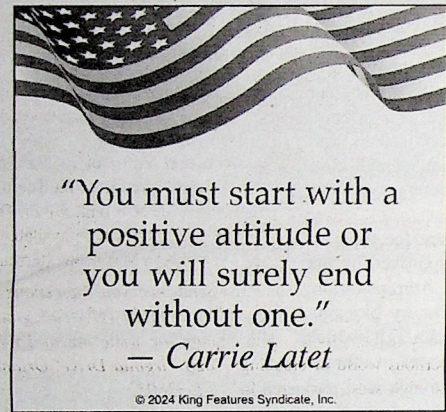


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Americanisms



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



How long is too long to leave pets at home?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER:

My neighbor across the hall confronted me yesterday, accusing me of mistreating my dog. She said that "Cookie" whines and barks for hours whenever I am gone, and that I need to take him with me rather than leave him alone in the apartment. I work full-time at an office that doesn't allow dogs. When I travel, I take Cookie to a sitter. But is 8 to 10 hours away too long for a dog? - Gerald in Brooklyn

DEAR GERALD: Dogs aren't always happy about their owners going away for 8 hours a day. They can develop separation anxiety. This can manifest as nonstop barking, whining or even acting out (like destroying your slippers, pooping in the living room or worse).

Try counterconditioning, a

training method recommended by the ASPCA in its article "Separation Anxiety." Each time you leave home, give your dog a treat or a puzzle toy with treats inside (which will keep him occupied for several minutes). When you get home, put the toy out of sight. The idea is that Cookie will associate your leaving with an enjoyable treat. You can also desensitize him to your leaving by getting Cookie used to your "departure cues." For example, if you always put on a coat and pick up your keys when you leave, have a training session where you do the same thing, but then sit down and watch TV instead of leaving. You'll need to do this (and probably other moves) for several weeks, but it could help. These are very basic training exercises, and you may need to incorporate additional training. Check out the article on www.aspc.org, talk to Cookie's vet and consider working with a professional trainer to help curb his anxiety.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.
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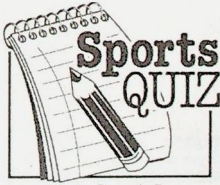
WORD LADDERS

Can you go from RACER to WAFER in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

RACER

WAFER

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by Ryan A. Berenz

- "The Block at the Rock?"
5. In what sport would one find participants using an epee on a piste?
6. What golf course, located in Louisville, Kentucky, first hosted the PGA Championship in 1996 and was the site of the 2008 Ryder Cup?
7. What French tennis player won the 1983 French Open and later embarked on a successful music career? (Hint: His son played in the NBA.)

Answers

1. Greasy Neale.
2. Myles Brand.
3. Detroit Pistons (1989-90), Chicago Bulls (1996) and Los Angeles Lakers (2000).
4. The Florida State Seminoles and Miami Hurricanes.
5. Fencing.
6. Valhalla Golf Club.
7. Yannick Noah.

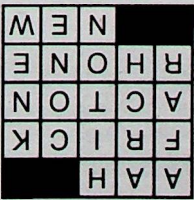
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1. What member of the 1919 World Series champion Cincinnati Reds was head coach of the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles from 1941-50 and was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1969?
2. Name the Indiana University president who fired men's basketball coach Bob Knight in 2000 and went on to become president of the NCAA in 2003.
3. John Salley was the first player to win NBA championships with three different franchises. What were they?
4. What two college football rivals played in a dramatic 2016 game that became known as

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Micro Crossword

Answer



WORD LADDER

Answer

LATER, WATER, WAFER, RACER, LACER, LAGER.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

UNLOVED Today's Word

3. Allow; 4. Manage; 1. Crave; 2. Seduce.

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Desire
CARVE

Entice
DEUCES

Permit
WALLO

Control
ANGAME

TODAY'S WORD



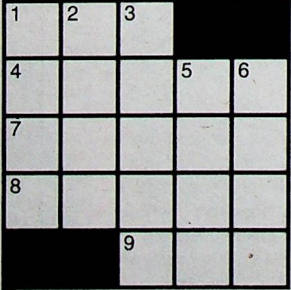
"You must be mistaken ... I just can't imagine a millionaire being _____."

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 "This neck massage is so calming ..."
- 4 ___ Collection (New York City art museum)
- 7 Suburb of Boston
- 8 Van Gogh's "Starry Night Over the ___"
- 9 Just released



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Down

- 1 Miles away
- 2 Curved entrance

- 3 Make a pass at
- 5 Gelato holder
- 6 Homophone of 9-Across

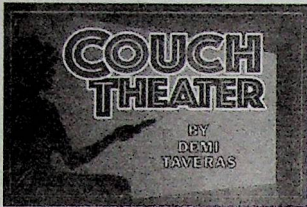
STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of May 20, 2024

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MORE SUN FUN



"American Fiction" (R) — This comedy-drama film led by Jeffrey Wright went on to snag the Best Adapted Screenplay award at the last Oscars, receiving five nominations in total. Wright plays Monk Ellison, an African American writer and professor based in Los Angeles. His novels, although acclaimed by fellow academics, do not generate enough money for his publishers, so they urge him to make his book "more Black." So, Monk submits a stereotypical novel to his publishers as a joke, but when it brings him commercial success, he's forced to become the very idea of what he hates the most — an inauthentic writer who panders to the wrong community. Co-starring Tracee Ellis Ross, Issa Rae and Sterling K. Brown, "American Fiction" premieres May 14. (Amazon Prime Video)

"He Went That Way" (R) — "Saltburn's" Jacob Elordi takes on another psychologically tense film, but this time, it's his character who has murderous intentions. Inspired by real events that occurred with serial killer Larry Lee Ranes, this crime drama picks up right as animal trainer Jim Goodwin (Zachary Quinto) picks up hitchhiker Bobby Falls (Elordi). While Bobby doesn't appear to be menacing at first, Jim quickly learns that Bobby has a thirst for killing in cold blood. Besides creating beautifully rustic scenes in the desert and getting great close-ups of Elordi, the film mostly received criticism due to its lackluster story. See for yourself when it premieres on May 17! (Hulu)

"Dark Matter" (TV-MA) — This new sci-fi series starring Joel Edgerton ("The Great Gatsby") and Jennifer

Connelly ("Top Gun: Maverick") has just hit streaming services with its first two episodes. Edgerton plays physicist Jason Dessen, an ordinary family man who suddenly gets abducted while walking home one night. When he wakes up, Jason finds himself in a completely different reality than the one he calls home. In this new reality, he finds out that he is the creator of "The Box" — a large vessel that holds many alternate versions of himself. Jason fights to get himself home before the alternate version of himself harms his family. Look out for new episodes every Wednesday. (May 8, Apple TV+)



Joel Edgerton, left, and Jennifer Connelly star in "Dark Matter."

In Case You Missed It "Wine Country" (R) — This Netflix original was Amy Poehler's feature directorial debut, and she signed on her gang of "Saturday Night Live" actress friends to help tell her first story on the big screen. Starring Poehler, Maya Rudolph, Rachel Dratch, Ana Gasteyer and Tina Fey (among others), the film follows a group of six friends who go on a trip to Napa Valley for a 50th birthday celebration. Although lots of excitement is in the air, all six women are secretly suffering with their own issues that eventually bubble up to the surface after days of drinking in Napa's hills. So, make sure to grab your favorite wine and call up your besties to watch this movie full of witty and relatable moments! Out now. (Netflix)

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Contract Bridge

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PRAY
South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ A 8 7 4
♦ Q 6 5
♣ Q 8

WEST

♠ Q 7
♥ Q J 9
♦ 9 8 7 4
♣ 10 7 6 3

EAST

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ 10
♦ A K J 3
♣ 9 5 4 2

SOUTH

♠ K 8 3
♥ K 6 5 3 2
♦ 10 2
♣ A K J

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

Declarer starts the play of many hands without knowing whether or not he'll make the contract. The outcome might depend strictly on how the defenders' cards are divided, or on how skillfully he or the opponents play their cards.

Take this case where West leads a diamond against four hearts. East wins with the jack and continues with the A-K, declarer ruffing the king.

At this point, South does not know how he will fare. If the missing trumps are divided 2-2, he is sure to make the contract, as his only remaining loser will be a spade. But if the trumps break 3-1, the contract must apparently go down one.

At trick four, declarer leads a heart to the ace and returns a heart to the king. When East shows out on the second heart, the contract appears doomed.

But if South comes from the school that does not concede defeat easily, he tries to picture a distribution of the opposing cards that would allow him to make the contract despite the disappointing trump division. And, if he thinks hard enough, he finds there is still a reasonable chance to get home safely.

He begins by cashing the A-K-J of clubs, discarding a spade from dummy. He then cashes the K-A of spades and exits with a trump, praying that West started with no more than two spades.

On this occasion, declarer's prayers are answered. West wins the trump but is forced to return a diamond or a club, allowing South to ruff in dummy and discard a spade from his hand, and the contract is home.

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by Steve Becker

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

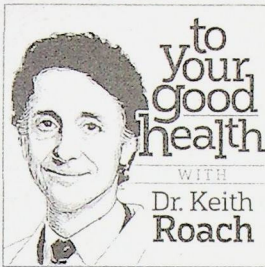
Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

X I B U E P F T B C F F E P X I F O

J U H F U T I P U ?

J U U B L F T P G G J U T Z F M M P X K B D L F U



Immunotherapy for Peanut Allergies Still a Work in Progress

DEAR DR. ROACH: Why can't people see an allergist and get desensitized to a peanut allergy? As a child, I was allergic to dust, pet hair, milk and other things, but I received treatments. I am not bothered by any of these now. It would seem prudent to desensitize people who have allergies that are life-threatening, like peanut allergies. -- S.S.

ANSWER: Allergy immunotherapy continues to be a commonly used and valid treatment for many allergies, including environmental allergies, insect venom allergies and, more recently, food allergies. The treatment can be used for peanut allergies, but it is certainly not perfect. So, it isn't used very often.

The goal of immunotherapy is to get a person to tolerate the allergen that they have an allergic response to. This involves giving very tiny amounts of the allergen below the level that would trigger an allergic response. Over time and under extremely close observation, the amount of the allergen is increased. For allergens like pollen, they are typically given by injection under the skin (or by drops under the tongue), but for food allergens, they are given orally.

For peanut allergies in particular, reactions are common during oral immunotherapy. For about 1 dose per 1,000 under supervision in an allergist's office, emergency treatment with epinephrine was required. Even during maintenance therapy at home, a reaction occurred 3.5% of the time, requiring treatment with 0.7% of all doses.

Although oral immunotherapy is effective at getting people to tolerate peanuts, the effectiveness is not long-lived, with only 13% of people still being able to tolerate a peanut challenge three years after discontinuing maintenance therapy. (Thirty-seven

percent of people who continued maintenance therapy were able to tolerate the peanut challenge.)

Until there are significant improvements in outcomes, I am unlikely to recommend oral immunotherapy for people with peanut allergies, unless they are unable to effectively avoid exposure to peanuts and they continue to have repeated reactions. Whether they're on immunotherapy or not, patients are still advised to continue careful avoidance and have emergency treatment immediately available.

A new treatment for food allergies was just approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Omalizumab works by blocking the immunoglobulin IgE, which is critically important in allergic diseases. The study showed that 47% to 80% of subjects who were treated with omalizumab for four months (given by injection every two to four weeks) were able to tolerate a standard dose of the foods that they were allergic to (peanuts, plus at least two other foods).

However, it appears that the benefit of the treatment does not persist after the treatment is discontinued, and it is intended for use in conjunction with food allergen avoidance to protect against accidental exposures.

In the future, combining this new medication with oral immunotherapy could be superior to using either alone, and it can help prevent serious or fatal allergic reactions from inadvertently being exposed to peanuts. Further studies are addressing this issue or have high amounts of saturated fat, which increase the risk for heart blockages. In addition, saturated fat is a major cause of disease and death in people with diabetes. However, it is possible to have a healthy, high-protein diet with care.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

It takes off its yellow jacket!
It gets hot?
What does a bee do when

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Losing Friends

I'd heard that once we seniors reach a certain age, we start losing people — friends, acquaintances, other senior relatives — they start dying one by one. I'd reached my age unscathed by much of that loss, and was happy to consider that it might always be so, that the others I hold dear would continue being part of my days. But no, that unfortunate phase of life has caught up with me.

It got to the point where I didn't want to answer the phone, so sometimes I didn't. I would unplug it the night before and wouldn't plug it in the next day until noon. I would tell myself it was because I didn't want my sleep disturbed by the robocalls or sales pitches. But the truth was that I feared hearing about yet another death in my circle.

I had to take myself in hand to deal with the endless sadness about the ever-growing list of appearances at funerals. My way of handling the grief has been to get out of the house at least once each day, no matter what.

On Monday afternoons, I walk and socialize dogs at the humane society, working with the animals to get them more suitable for adoption. On Wednesdays, I shelve books in the library, usually the kid section.

On Friday afternoons, I deliver prescriptions for a pharmacy here in town. I was told that most of the customers are other seniors who aren't well enough to get out to pick up their own prescriptions, which has certainly been an attitude adjustment as I ponder their conditions (unhealthy) versus mine (healthy enough to play with dogs, shelve books and so on.)

The other days I walk laps at the rec center.

Getting out every day helps. But I still dread answering the phone.

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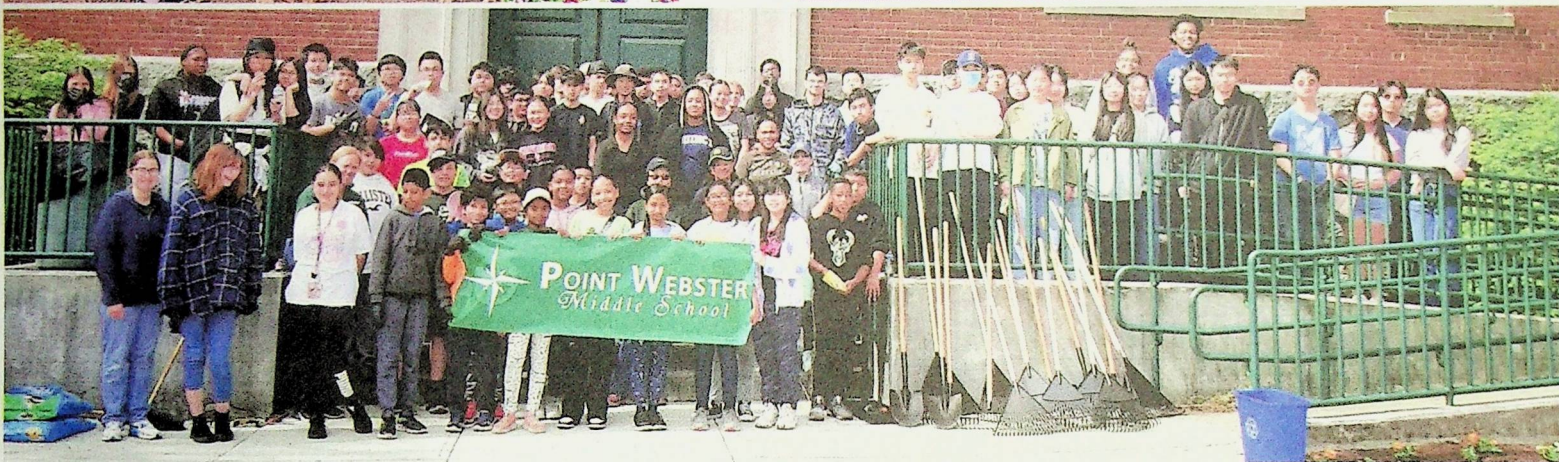


1. Name the Beatles album that was the first to contain all original material.
2. "The Morning After" was the theme song for which film?
3. Which artist was the first to release "When a Man Loves a Woman"?
4. Name the group that released "Neither One of Us (Wants to Be the First to Say Goodbye)"
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "But they're cousins, identical cousins all the way, one pair of matching bookends, different as night and day."

Answers

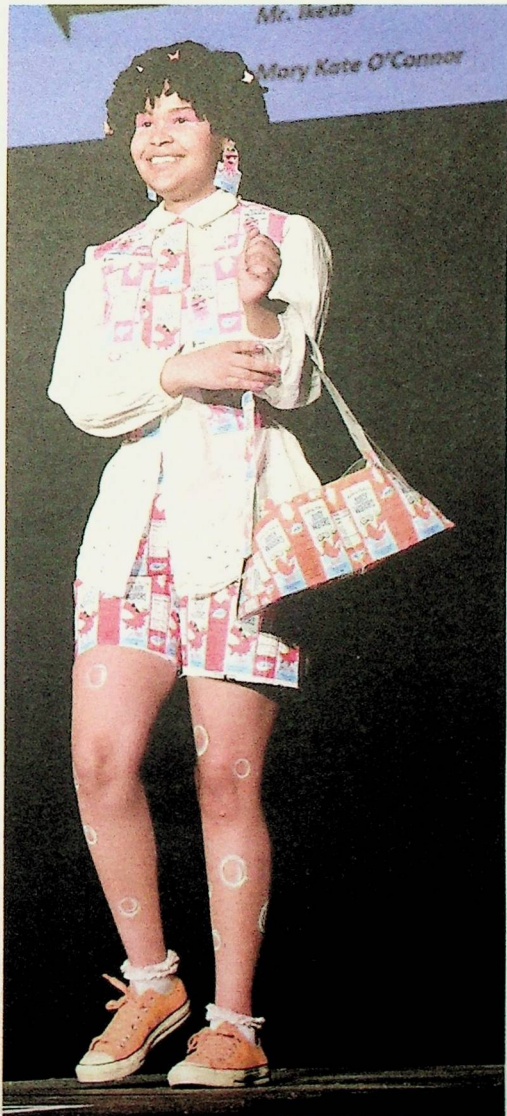
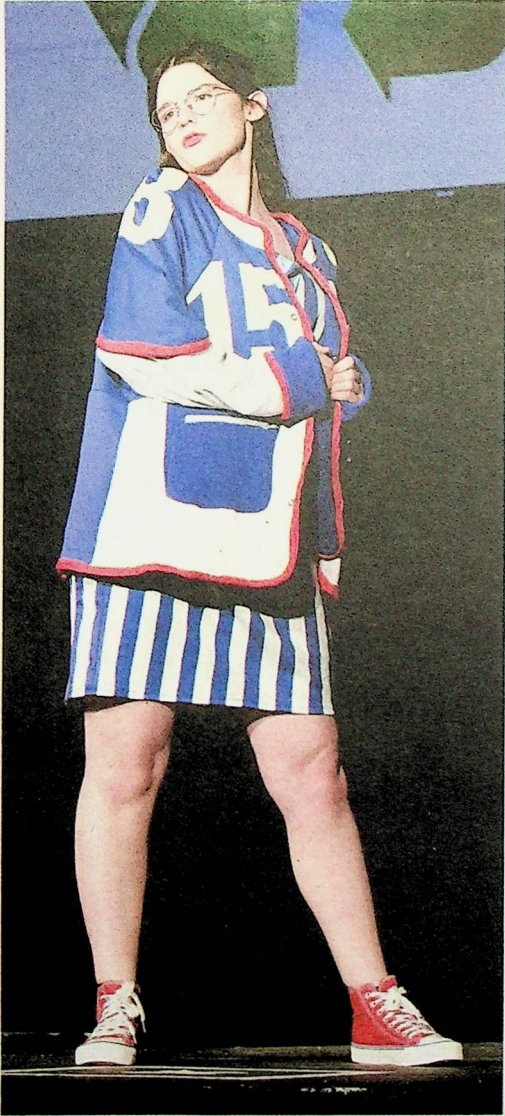
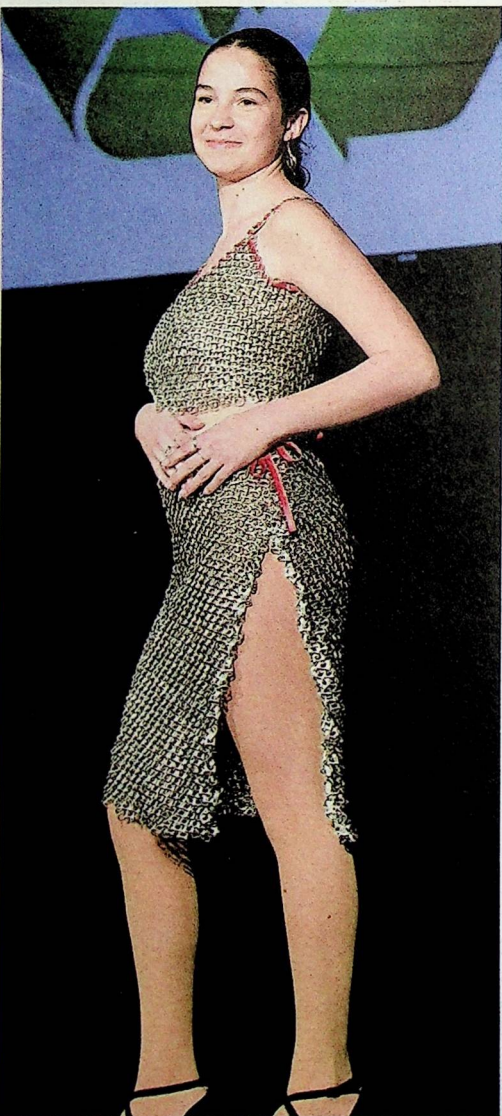
1. "A Hard Day's Night." In 1964, had 13 songs, all written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney. The U.S. and U.K. versions differed in track listings and were released two weeks apart.
2. "The Poseidon Adventure," released in 1972. An ocean liner, on her last voyage before being scrapped, flips over in a tsunami, trapping the passengers in the upside down ship.
3. Percy Sledge, in 1966. The song shot to No. 1 on all the U.S. charts. Michael Bolton followed with a cover in 1991. His version also went to No. 1.
4. Gladys Knight & The Pips, in 1972.
5. "The Patty Duke Show" theme song, 1963-1966. Patty Duke played both parts, both the American cousin and her identical British cousin.

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A SMALL ARMY of volunteers including many Point Webster Middle School students helped spruce up the school grounds on Cleaner, Greener Quincy Day May 4.
Photos Courtesy Christine Barrett

Eco-Friendly Fashions Featured At Quincy High School Fashion Show



MORE THAN 60 budding student designers were featured at the Quincy High School Fashion Show May 9. Among the fashions created and modeled by students at the show were Eco-Friendly garments made from recycled materials. From left to right: student Ally Demopoulos wears a dress created from can tabs designed by student Amy Bernard; student Molly O'Connor models an outfit fashioned from QHS jerseys designed by student Ellie Bergin; and student Star Alcantara-Estrella wears a garment (and matching handbag) she created from recycled juice boxes. More Quincy High School Fashion Show photos will appear in the May 23rd issue of The Quincy Sun.
Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

City of Quincy's 73rd Annual
FLAG DAY
Parade, Ceremony & Fireworks

Carrying on the tradition of the Koch Club
Presented by the City of Quincy

Saturday, June 15, 2024



PARADE

7:00 p.m.

Featuring bands, floats and specialty units

Steps off at the intersection of Coddington and Washington Street. It will head north up Hancock Street and turn into Merrymount Park on Merrymount Parkway before wrapping up at Adams Field.

**FLAG RAISING
CEREMONY**

8:00 p.m.

Featuring patriotic songs honoring our service members, the flag and our country at Pageant Field.

**FIREWORKS
DISPLAY**

9:00 p.m.

Over Black's Creek
Fireworks Display by
Quirk Auto Dealerships

